Twenty Up: Oh, The Places the SLIS Class of 1998 Have Been and What They Can Tell You!

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What Are We Doing Today?

1. Learn about the different jobs and career paths open to librarians
2. Get career advice from UA SLIS grads
3. Discover top skills and strategies to succeed as a librarian
Class of 1998 –
Where Have We been?  Where Are We Now?!
1. jobs and career paths open to librarians
Sean Barr
Access Services Supervisor
University of Alberta Libraries

Career path has included academic (UAL), corporate (Follett) and public library (EPL) experiences.
Laura Taylor
Deputy CEO
Marigold Library System

Career path has been predominantly in the public sector including work in public libraries in Alberta, BC and Saskatchewan.

Experience working with library boards.
Samantha James
Community Outreach Manager
Iwokrama International Centre for Rain Forest Conservation & Development, Guyana

Community collaboration for resource management, dissemination of info, capacity building for resource management with Indigenous people, with a focus on youth.
Debbie Feisst

Public Services Librarian
HT Coutts Library, University of Alberta

Career path has included a stint as an Engineering Librarian and Collections in academic settings, Edmonton Public Library, contract work and secondments.
Heather Empey

Interim University Librarian
UNBC

Career path has included roles as Reference Librarian and Collections & Acquisitions Librarian, both at UNBC.
Liza Chan
Research Librarian
Cross-appointed: University of Alberta, John W. Scott Health Sciences Library and Alberta Innovates

Career path included Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Therapy, Associate Fellowship at the US National Library of Medicine (NLM), health librarianship.
Michael Brundin

Web and Discovery Services Librarian
MacEwan University

Career path included work in a special library (TAL), a public library (EPL), academic libraries (UAL, and MacEwan Library), and universities (University of Alberta, and University of Western Ontario).
Sona Macnaughton

Librarian/Learning Designer
Red Deer College Library/CTL

Career path has included brief stints in corporate (in UK), government (Alberta Justice), and special projects (Alberta Provincial Virtual Reference Project) bookended by academic (NAIT, University of Lethbridge, and now at RDC).
Aidan Meegan
Manager, Collections
Regina Public Library

Library path: Chief Librarian, Project Manager, Head Librarian/Information Specialist.
Corporate career path: Enterprise Information Strategist, Metadata Manager, & Senior Product Owner of Enterprise Data Management.
Joanne Rodger

Curriculum Specialist in the MD Program
University of Alberta

Career path includes Teacher-Librarian, Regional Libraries, public libraries (rural & EPL), non-profits, Adjunct Professor at SLIS/U of A, PhD.
Donna Sikorsky

Acting Head, E.K. Williams Law Library
University of Manitoba

Career path includes Liaison Librarian, Law firm Librarian, library administration, collection management, facilities management.
Kerry Anderson
Assistant Director
Public Library Services Branch, Alberta Municipal Affairs

Career path predominantly in and with public libraries. Regional libraries - Northern Lights: Library Consultant, managing Public Library Network; current role is legislative services and network development.

It's been all public libraries, all the time for me in the last 20 years. That was what I had planned, although not necessarily in this way. I had envisioned being the "library lady," managing the day-to-day operation of a library branch or small town library. Instead, my work has been behind the scenes where I support others as they manage their local library. Turns out, I like that much better!
Anne Carr-Wiggin

NEOS Manager & Indigenous Initiatives
University of Alberta Libraries

Career path has included several Reference Assistant positions in public and academic libraries prior to library school; Project Coordinator at The Alberta Library; and secondments to public services management positions at UA.
Luella Lee

Library Technician, Calgary Board of Education

Career Path has included Archival Assistant, CBC, public libraries, museum curator, oil & gas, records management, library technician.
Anke Eastwood

Law Librarian
Alberta Law Libraries

Career Path has included academic libraries, special libraries, Provincial Court Library.
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Top Skills and Strategies to Succeed
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