## Thinking about Becoming a Librarian?

A day in the life of a librarian is more than just reading stories and putting away books...Did you know that some librarians collect research, work with databases and collect online materials?

There are many different pathways for librarians that can lead you to work in places you would have never imagined! For example, a hospital or even for Google! Want to learn more about the endless possibilities of becoming a librarian? Continue reading!

# Start Here!

High School Qualifications

6 U/M courses of your interest!

## University Qualifications

 Obtain an undergraduate degree in anything you are interested in!
 Attain a masters degree in a stream that is credited by the American Library Association
 Many go on to do a PhD

### Skills

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Organization Collaboration Interpersonal Skills Technological Skills Experience with project management Ability to Problem-solve

#### Key Responsibilities

\*\*The responsibilities of all librarians differ based on the specific role they play within their organization\*\*

Working with Collections: Books, databases & online materials
Publishing: Creating resources digitally that are free and accessible to students
Researching: Investigating new information
Planning Workshops: How to use online libraries, creating citations, teaching about new software
Teaching: Assisting students of all ages with new information, materials and resources

#### Creating a safe and positive learning space for all students and faculty members!

# Now... you may be Wondering .... What are the Different Kinds of Librarians?

# Academic Librarians

- 1. Do their own research and publish their own work 2. Create research guides
- 3.70% day job, 20% service, 10% research
- 4. Creating digital resources and materials that are accessible to students at all times

## School Librarians

- 1. Does reading time
- 2. Plans activities
- 3. Orders books/materials for the library
- 4. Take classes for teacher planning time

### Public Librarians



Assist individuals that include...

#### Adults

- a. Those who are unfamiliar with technology
- b. Creating Workshops
- c. First-generation Canadians
- d. Individuals who are new to the country



#### Children

- a. Homework help
- b. Storytime
- c. Planning Crafts/community events



### Advice from Fellow Librarians!

- Build a network
- Get involved through volunteer work/mentoring opportunities/shadowing
- Do your own research
- Look into where your degree can take you Apply for a variety of positions that interest you!