

# THE LIBRARIAN CHRONICLES

A GUIDE TO BECOMING A LIBRARIAN & ALL THINGS LIBRARIANSHIP

## Types of Librarians

**LIBRARIAN WITH THE TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**CATALOGUE LIBRARIAN**

**SCHOLARLY CONTEXT ANALYST**

**DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP LIBRARIAN**

**DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT LIBRARIAN**

**REFERENCE SERVICES**

+ MANY MORE!

## WHERE TO STUDY?

SCHOOLS OFFERING PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEEN ACCREDITED BY THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ALA)...

- McGill University (MIS)
- University de Montreal (MSI)
- University of Alberta (MLIS)
- University of British Columbia (MLIS)
- University of Toronto (LIS)
- University of Ottawa (MIS)
- Western University (MLIS)

NOTE: To become a librarian, one needs to have a Masters in Library and Information Science (MLIS). You must receive this degree from an American Library Association (ALA) accredited school, or sometimes a Canadian Librarian Association (CLA) accredited school. According to the ALA, ALA accredited degrees have different names such as the ones above. The degree name is determined by the program. The Commission for Accreditation does not evaluate programs based on name rather they evaluate programs based on whether they adhere to the Standard for Masters Programs in Library and Information Studies.

## How to Become a Librarian



## Radical Librarianship

WHO OWNS KNOWLEDGE??

EDUCATION + SOCIAL JUSTICE + COMMUNITY = LIBRARIANSHIP

## Is librarianship right for you??

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**ARE YOU GOOD WITH TECHNOLOGY?**

**DO YOU HAVE GOOD COMMUNICATION SKILLS?**

**ARE YOU ORGANIZED?**

**DO YOU ENJOY DOING RESEARCH AND HELPING OTHERS RESEARCH?**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TEACHING? BUT NOT GRADING?**



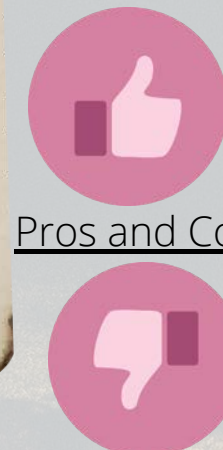
## HELPFUL RESOURCES

- CANADIAN LIBRARIAN ASSOCIATION
- AMERICAN LIBRARIAN ASSOCIATION
- SCHOOL TORONTO
- YOUTH HUBS (TPL)
- LEADING TO READING

## ADVICE FROM LIBRARIANS

- "Don't count it out"
- "Find balance" & "Pace yourself"
- "Actively seek opportunities"
- "Volunteer at your local public library and at Ontario Library Association Conferences"
- "Gain experience even if it's outside the field"
- "Remember, no one checks your grades or looks to see how long it took you to graduate."
- "Try things out and don't be afraid to find something new if it doesn't work out"

Pros and Cons



**AN EVOLVING FIELD...**