

TO NOTE:

Most full-time library positions require a bachelor's degree in any relevant field or a master's degree in Library Science



ON AVERAGE (in Massachusetts):

- Academic Librarians working in a public school make between \$32K - \$70K per year
- Academic Librarians working in a college or university make between \$75K - \$100K per year
- Librarians working in a public library make between \$30K - 70K per year

FUN FACT:

THERE ARE MORE PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE U.S. THAN THERE ARE MCDONALD'S!

IN MASSACHUSETTS ALONE THERE ARE ABOUT 1,600

"In order to be really good as a librarian, everything counts toward your work, every play you go see, every concert you hear, every trip you take, everything you read, everything you know. I don't know of any other occupation like that. The more you know the better you're going to be."

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Contact us if you'd like to learn more about what we do!



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"Librarians are tour-guides for all of knowledge."

- Patrick Ness

Libraries offer so much more now than just books! Collections have expanded to include DVDs, audiobooks, games, technology, digital resources, etc!

Libraries have also become community centers, where people can gather together for assistance, information, programming, and more!

PUBLIC LIBRARY POSITIONS

ADULT SERVICES

- Order for and maintain adult collections
- Assist patrons with questions about library resources and technology
- Provide programming for adults and senior citizens

TECHNICAL SERVICES

- Enter newly purchased items into the library's catalog system
- Maintain and evaluate collections
- Assist library patrons with locating and procuring materials

YOUTH SERVICES

- Order for and maintain youth collections
- Assist patrons with questions about library resources and technology
- Provide programming for youth ages 0 - 18



Librarians now often do the following on a daily basis:

CUSTOMER SERVICE



MARKETING



PROGRAMMING



TECH HELP



ACADEMIC LIBRARY POSITIONS

ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS

- Purchase items for the school's library collection
- Teach students how to use library resources
- Help students with literacy skills and research projects

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

- Maintain and evaluate collections
- Assist students and faculty with research and coursework
- Manage special collections

Library Directors

Most public and academic libraries have a head librarian usually called the Director. These positions usually require a Master's Degree in Library & Information Science. Library Directors are generally responsible for the management of the library staff, collections, facility and budget.