

# WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

## EDUCATION: LIBRARY SCIENCE

Library science is the study and practice of organizing, managing, and disseminating information resources within libraries and information centers. It encompasses cataloging, information retrieval, collection development, and user services to facilitate access to knowledge and support lifelong learning.

### COMMON JOB TITLES \*local credentialing requirements may vary for each position

#### ENTRY LEVEL POSITIONS

Librarian  
Archivist  
Library Media Specialist  
Cataloger  
Library Director  
Digital Preservation Specialist

Digital Asset Manager  
Outreach Coordinator  
Library Consultant  
Researcher  
youth Services Specialist  
Systems Analyst

### AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT: WHERE DO LIBRARY SCIENCE MAJORS TYPICALLY WORK? \*SCHOOL LIBRARIAN CREDENTIALS VARY BY STATE

Public Libraries: Omaha Public Library, Lincoln City Libraries  
Academic Libraries: UNO Libraries, UNL Libraries, Metro Community College  
Education Technology Companies: AIM Institute, Do Space, NELINET  
Government: NE Library Commission, Military Bases, NE Dept. of Education  
K-12 Public Schools: Omaha Public Schools, Millard, Papillion  
K-12 Private Schools: Omaha Catholic Schools, Lifegate Christian School

Knowledge Management Companies: Aviture, Gallup, Olsson  
Records Management: NASA  
Museums: The Durham, NE History Museum, Gr. Plains Black History Museum  
Healthcare Organizations: Methodist Health System, Children's Hospital  
Nonprofit Organizations: Lauritzen Gardens, Open Door Mission,  
Law Libraries: Creighton Law Library, Legal Aid of NE

### IMPORTANT QUALITIES:

#### Transferable Skills Gained:

Research  
Organization  
Problem-Solving  
Technology  
Literacy

#### Concrete Skills Gained:

Critical Thinking  
Educational Programming  
Professional Writing  
Academic Writing  
Project Management

### HOW TO DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS :

Check out the [\*\*American Library Association\*\*](#) to attend events, conferences, and become more technologically competent

Volunteer at the [\*\*Omaha Public Library\*\*](#), your local public library, and/or archive to assist with special events and programs

Attend events at the [\*\*UNO Criss Library\*\*](#) to connect with other students and to gain knowledge of specialized programs and experiences

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Library Science + Management Information Systems (MIS) = Digital Preservation Specialist

Library Science + Emergency Management = Library Administration

Library Science + Gerontology = Adult Services Librarian or Medical Librarian

Library Science + Criminal Justice = Law Librarian or Prison Librarian

## OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK:

Librarians

Archivists

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Check out daily job postings on **Handshake** related to jobs, internships, and opportunities to boost your student experience

Check out the **American Library Association's job list** as well!

## ADDITIONAL EDUCATION:

Obtaining a **Masters Degree in Library Science (MLIS)** is most often times **required** to be eligible for most professional library positions.

Although **no** direct Masters program, UNO's College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences offers three graduate degree programs in Literacy, Elementary Education, and Secondary Education with School Library endorsements. In addition, **UNO** offers a **Master of Arts in Critical and Creative Thinking**.

For more information on Master Degrees in Library Science, please refer to the **American Library Association list of accredited master's programs**.

## OTHER RESOURCES :

UNO Library Science Homepage

ALA Job Search

ALA Labor Trends

INAJL

Career Exploration in Career Services

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Occupational Outlook Handbook

Career Services


## NEED SOME EXTRA HELP?

Book an appointment with Career Services

Book an appointment with your Advisor

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 402.554.3672

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 [careers@unomaha.edu](mailto:careers@unomaha.edu)

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