LIBRARY SCIENCE

Bachelor of Science in Education: Library Science
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The Library Science program prepares students to serve as professional librarians evaluating, selecting, collecting, organizing, storing, retrieving and disseminating information. The various program tracks have been designed to include the traditional roles of librarianship as well as the standard and emerging technologies. Additionally, the program balances theoretical foundation with practical implementation.

Career types associated with Library Science
(Is this a good fit for you? Are you…)
Social - "Helper"
Enterprising - "Persuader"
Artistic - "Creator"

Related skills, values, and qualities
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to interact with people of diverse backgrounds and personalities
- Desire and ability to work with people of all ages
- Ability to speak and write clearly
- Ability to organize, collect, and classify different types of materials
- Aptitude for accuracy, detail and memorization
- Ability to use and incorporate technology into curriculum and instruction
- Ability to critically think, solve problems and make sound decisions

Courses Library Science majors typically enjoy
- Children and Young Adult Literature
- English
- Language Arts
- Computer Information Systems
- Instructional Technology
- Emerging Technologies
- Video Production
- Archiving

Common interests of Library Science majors:
- Working part-time or as a volunteer in a library, bookstore, law office, or research firm
- Exploring new technologies for information sharing and learning.
- Visiting book stores, libraries and museums
- Belonging to a book club, literary society, or professional organization, such as the American Library Association
- Attending lectures, workshops, and conferences related to library and information sciences
- Participating in activities that involve research
- Creating blogs and websites

For more information
Contact the Elementary, Middle Level, Library and Technologies Education Department
11 Rohrbach, 610-683-4300

KU Majors related to Library Science
Elementary Education, Secondary Education, English, Computer Science

Social students may also be interested in:
Advertising *, Economics *, German Studies, History, Human Resource Mgt. (cert), International Studies *, Sport Management, Literature *, Marketing, Multicultural Studies *, PA German Studies *, Philosophy/Religious Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration, Public Relations *, Spanish, Social Work, Sociology, Speech Communication, Women's Studies *, Writing*
* minor only

FOUR STEPS
TO SUCCESS

EXPLORE	DISCOVER	EXPERIENCE	IMPLEMENT
1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR	4TH YEAR

1ST YEAR
- Enroll in the Career Exploration Certificate.
- Attend info sessions to learn about career development and personal branding.
- Take a career assessment to identify and confirm interests.
- Get involved in campus clubs and organizations.
- Develop basic workplace skills through jobs or volunteer work.
- Talk with professors, family, and friends about career ideas.
- Conduct informational interviews with professionals working in fields of interest.
- Develop a relationship with your professors and faculty advisor.

2ND YEAR
- Meet with CDC career coach.
- Attend info sessions to learn about resume writing, and externships.
- Confirm your choice of major and consider options for double major or minor.
- Research careers of interest.
- Complete a job shadowing (externship) experience.
- Seek meaningful employment or volunteer work in a field related to your major.
- Explore options for undergraduate research and study abroad.
- Write a resume and have it reviewed by the CDC.
- Manage your online presence.

3RD YEAR
- Enroll in the Career Success Certificate.
- Complete an internship and/or undergraduate research.
- Attend info sessions about internships, interviewing, job search strategies, and grad school.
- Build a LinkedIn profile and continue to monitor your online presence.
- Complete a mock interview.
- Build skills through research projects, part-time employment, and volunteer work.
- Participate in Careers Cafe & networking programs.
- Attend internship & job fairs.
- Take on a leadership role in a student organization or work.
- Consider graduate school options and prepare for admissions tests.

4TH YEAR
- Attend your senior kick-off and other info sessions to prepare for job search/grad school.
- Update your resume and LinkedIn profile.
- Create cover letter drafts.
- Gain experience through internships and/or undergraduate research.
- Secure references for job/grad school applications.
- Create your "30 second" commercial.
- Meet with CDC to develop job search strategies.
- Research employers.
- Network with professionals through events and social media.
- Join a professional organization in your discipline.
- Attend the senior etiquette dinner.
- Participate in job fairs and on-campus interviewing.

Sample Career Titles

Library Science majors can be found working in a wide variety of career fields. Here are just some career titles that may be of interest. Please note that some jobs may require further education and training.

- Adult Education Teacher
- Alumni Relations Coordinator
- Assistant Principal
- Child Life Specialist
- College Professor/Dean
- Community Librarian
- Community/Public Service Administrator
- Counselor
- Day Care Administrator
- Education and Training Administrator
- Education Management Specialist
- Educational Administrator
- Education Consultant
- Educational Materials Sales Rep
- Educational Researcher
- Educational Resource Coordinator

- Elementary School Teacher
- Employee Training Instructor
- Grant Writer
- Guidance Counselor
- Historic Site Administrator
- Instructor, College/University
- Kindergarten Teacher
- Librarian
- Library Consultant
- Media Center Specialist
- Missionary Worker
- Peace Corps/VISTA Volunteer
- Personnel Director
- Preschool Administrator/Teacher
- Preschool Principal

- Registrar
- Religious Education Teacher
- Religious Education Coordinator
- Resource Teacher
- School Social Worker
- School Superintendent
- Secondary School Teacher
- Social Services Volunteer
- Student Admissions Administrator
- Curriculum Specialist
- Technology Specialist
- Textbook Writer
- Training Specialist
- Tutor
- Vocational Rehab Counselor
- Vocational/Technical Teacher

To learn more about these careers, visit http://online.onetcenter.org or www.bls.gov/oco.

Common Internship Sites and Employers

Library Science majors often find internships and employment in the following fields/industries:

- Business and Industry
- Camps
- Public and Private Schools
- Churches
- Colleges and Universities
- Youth Services

- Community Centers/Non Profits
- Educational Publishers
- Day Care Agencies
- Hospitals
- Libraries
- State and Federal Government

Handshake — Handshake is the primary online resource for preparing and connecting students and alumni with employers.

Useful Websites for Library Science Majors

Whether you are researching related career fields, applying for internships or jobs, or planning to join a professional association, these websites are for you!

Industry/Employment Information

O*NET OnLine
Www.onetonline.org

Occupational Outlook Handbook.
www.bls.gov/ooh

PA Department of Education
www.pa.gov/agencies/education.gov

NJ Department of Education
www.state.nj.us/education

Education Week
www.edweek.org

Job/Internship Search Boards

PA-REAP
www.pareap.net

PA-Educator.net
www.paeducator.net

Southern Teacher's Agency
www.southernteachers.com

Education Job Page
www.nationjob.com/education

School Spring
www.schoolspring.com

US-REAP
www.usreap.net

School-Jobs
www.school-jobs.net

LinkedIn Jobs
www.linkedin.com/jobs

Pennsylvania School Boards Assoc.
www.PSBA.org

Professional Associations

PA School Librarians Association
www.psla.org

PA Library Association
www.palibraries.org

American Library Association
www.ala.org

Public Library Association
www.ala.org/pla

PA State Education Association
www.psea.org

PA School Board Association
www.psba.org

National Education Association
www.nea.org

Assoc. of Research Libraries
www.arl.org

Teachers of English to Speakers
of Other Languages
www.tesol.org

American Federation of Teachers
www.aft.org

Assoc. for Library & Info. Science Edu.
www.alise.org

Building Your Resume for a Career in Library Science

Building a strong resume for your career field starts long before you ever start your job search. Employers want to hire graduates who not only have the necessary educational background but also have experience applying that knowledge to real life situations.

Levi Library Science

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PROFILE

Interested in teaching Library Science to grades 9-12 in the Reading School District.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Strong organizational, multi-tasking, presentation and management skills
- Proven success building rapport with a variety of groups, parents and individuals
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Proficient in Quick Books Pro, FileMaker Pro, JavaScript, Adobe InDesign and Microsoft Office

EDUCATION

B.S.Ed. Kutztown University of Pennsylvania   Kutztown, PA
Major: Library Science   May 20xx
Minor: Computer Science/Information Technology
GPA: 3.50

Related Courses: Emerging Technologies for Educators, Development of Projected Digital Instructional Resources, Microcomputer Based Systems for the Library, Advanced Visual Basic, Web Programming, Java Programming

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Reading High School, Reading School District   Reading, PA
Teacher Candidate, Clinical Experience   Spring 20xx
- Taught Library Science to grades 9-12
- Created instructional strategies for differentiated units utilizing interactive SMART Board
- Collaborated with teachers to support PA Standard Aligned System Curriculum Framework

Hamburg High School, Hamburg Area School District   Hamburg, PA
Teacher Candidate, Clinical Experience   Spring 20xx
- Taught 11th and 12th grade lessons focusing on the integration of technology in research
- Assisted in leading monthly class trips to local libraries and resource centers

Brandywine Heights High School, Brandywine Heights Area School District   Topton, PA
Professional Semester Student   Spring 20xx
- Co-taught 9th grade Library Science elective
- Served as advisor for the Brandywine Book Club

RELATED WORK & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Rohrbach Library, Kutztown University   Kutztown, PA
Library Student Assistant   Fall 20xx-Present
- Process interlibrary loans and operate audiovisual equipment
- Instruct students on proper use of media and equipment
- Answer inquiries regarding library databases, resources and services
- Communicate effectively with large, diverse student populations

Sinking Springs Public Library   Reading, PA
Volunteer   Summer 20xx, Summer 20xx
- Assisted patrons in locating reference sources
- Resolved outstanding patron loans effectively and efficiently
- Organized library materials

HONORS & AWARDS

Dean's List   Fall 20xx- Spring 20xx
Library Science Scholarship   Spring 20xx
Career Success Certificate, Kutztown University Career Development Center   Spring 20xx
Career Exploration Certificate, Kutztown University Career Development Center   Fall 20xx

> Take note of the skills and knowledge obtained through your educational background and hands-on experiences.
> Highlight transferable skills such as management abilities and technological proficiencies.

> Consider choosing a minor that will complement your major and tailor your knowledge towards specific career goals.

> Learn more about your field and develop the necessary skills for employment by gaining hands-on experience through clinical practice and related work or volunteer opportunities.