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# Librarians

*In our era of the “information explosion,” it seems that just about anything you want to know is a mouse click away. But do you ever feel overwhelmed by all the data on the Internet? Have you ever worried about whether the source you found for your research paper is accurate? If so, go to the pros—or consider becoming one. Today’s librarians are experts in using technology to help others find all types of information.*

Do you enjoy teaching people how to do research using technology? If so, a career as a **librarian** may be for you.

**Librarians help people find information in sources such as books, magazines and the Internet. They collect, catalog and organize information. Increasingly, they use computers to do these tasks.**

### **Are You Ready To...?**

- Help visitors find information
- Order and catalog materials
- Keep up on advances in library technology
- Supervise employees

### **It Helps To Be...**

Organized and efficient, excited about learning new things and eager to help others. You’ll enjoy this field if you are equally comfortable with people, books and technology.

### **A Day In The Life...**

- Analyze patrons’ requests to determine needed information and assist in furnishing or locating that information
- Search standard reference materials, including online sources and the Internet, to answer patrons’ reference questions
- Teach library patrons basic computer skills, such as searching computerized databases

### **Salary and Opportunity in the Austin-area**

**Median Hourly Wage: \$31.49**

*That comes out to more than  
\$65,493 a year.*

**In 2016, we had  
669 Librarians.  
By 2026, we’ll need 795.**

*Could you be one of the 126?*

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# Librarians

## After High School...

In addition to a high school diploma, most employers for librarians require a **bachelor's degree** and a **master's degree in library science**.



## Top 5 Industries for Librarians

1. Elementary and Secondary Schools
2. Local Government
3. Colleges, Universities and Professional Schools
4. Junior Colleges
5. Other Information Services

For more Career Profiles, visit our website:

<http://www.wfscapitalarea.com/YouthServices/CareerPlanning.aspx>.

## Related College Majors

- Art History, Criticism and Conservation
- Database Management
- Education
- Information Science
- Library and Archives Assisting
- Library and Information Science

## Related Industry Certifications

- Conservation Certificate of Advance Study
- Consumer Health Information Specialization
- Librarian Certification
- Preservation Administration Certification

## Related Careers

- Adult Educators
- Archivists
- Database Administrators
- Elementary, Middle and High School Teachers
- Instructional Coordinators
- Library Technicians

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