

Career opportunities in Library and Information Science

Introduction :

Library and Information Science (LIS) is an interdisciplinary field that applies the practices, perspectives, and tools of management, information technology, education, and other areas to libraries; the collection, organization, preservation, and dissemination of information resources.

Eligibility

The first school for library science was founded by Melvil Dewey at Columbia University in 1887. The minimum qualification required to take up a course in Library Science is XII standard. Graduates from any stream can go for Bachelors degree in library science the duration of which is one year/ two semesters. After that, students can go for Masters Degree in library science, which is of one-year duration/two semesters course. Advanced studies in Library & Information Science include M. Phil and Ph.D. Besides, there are also diploma and certificate courses. Basically, a good librarian should have keen interest in books as well as a variety of topics, excellent communication skills, customer service attitude, methodical approach, high organizing ability/skills, and ability of understanding user needs.

Advance Courses in Library and information through Swayam

Sr. No	Name of the Course	Duration of Course	Fee for the Course
1.	Library Information & Society	12 Weeks	Rs 1000/ for Open and Rs 500/ for OBC, SC, ST etc.
2.	Communication Skills (Library & Information Science)	„	„
3.	Management of Library & Information Centre	„	„
4.	Digital Library	„	„
5.	Information Sources and Library Services	„	„
6.	Emerging Trends & Technologies in library and Information Science	„	„
7.	Koha Library management System	„	„
8.	Library Automation and Digitization	„	„
9.	Sr Secondary : Library & Information Science	„	„

Employment outlook and opportunities

There is a lot of scope for a career in library science and the person in this field can find employment opportunities in the following areas.

- ✓ Public/Government libraries
- ✓ Universities/collages/schools and other academic institutions
- ✓ News agencies and organizations

- ✓ Private organization and special libraries
- ✓ Foreign embassies
- ✓ Photo/film/radio/television libraries
- ✓ Information centre / documentation centers
- ✓ Companies and organization with large information handling requirements
- ✓ Museums and galleries, which have reading rooms and research facilities
- ✓ Law library/Special library, etc.

Types of library-science professionals:

Some of the career options are as given below:

1. Library Attendant
2. Library Assistant
3. Semi-Professional Assistant
4. Junior Librarian/Professional Assistant
5. Assistant Librarian
6. Deputy Librarian
7. Librarian/Chief Librarian
8. Researcher/Scientists/Application Specialist
9. Consultant/Reference Librarian
10. Cataloger /Technical Assistant/Records Manager
11. Director/Head Of Information Centre
12. Senior Information Analyst
13. Junior Information Analyst
14. Senior Library Information Assistant
15. Law Librarian
16. Indexer
17. Information architect
18. Archivist

LIS professionals can also aspire to get a job in private publishing houses and other private companies handling with voluminous information.

Remuneration

In the age of information revolution librarianship is a well paid job. However salaries of library professionals vary depending upon their individual qualifications, experience.

Some of the Major Institutions offering Courses in Library Science

National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resource (NISCAIR) New Delhi and Documentation Research & Training Centre (DRTC) Bengaluru are two prime institute offering Library and Information Science courses. Besides this, mostly all Indian universities offer degree courses in Library & Information Science, some are:

1. Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune
2. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University , Aurangabad

Distance Education

1. Indira Gandhi National Open University, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068 Website : www.ignou.ac.in
2. Yashwantrao Chavan Open University, Nashik

(The above list is indicative only)