



Job Situation

Public lending and reference library. Quiet, orderly surroundings. Work on own and dealing with public. Reporting to Chief librarian. Regular hours, Tuesday to Saturday.

Weekly Hours of Work

35

Overtime

Monthly Salary

\$2,800

Student Loan – Owing

\$20,000

Student Loan – Monthly Payment

\$287

Duties

Care for, organize library materials. Help users access library services. Maintain card files and computer database.

Prospects

librarian. research librarian, archivist.

Job Title

Library Technician

National Occupational Classification (NOC)

5211

Job Description

Having used libraries yourself since you were six, your main task of helping people find what they want is second nature to you. Educating the public about how the system works so they can get the most out of it is an important part of your job. You explain the system of classifying the books, and you demonstrate the user-friendly computer catalogue. A conversation about books is one of the chief pleasures of your life.

Your particular expertise in all matters historical is a bonus— when the library doesn't have what someone is looking for, you often know where they can find it, or suggest good alternatives. The staff know that you are an archivist and let you examine any old books that are donated from people's personal collections which you are known to handle with integrity. You know the material in this section better than anyone and are a valuable resource person for students and researchers.

Keeping the catalogue updated is an ongoing chore, but it means that you get to unpack the new books when they arrive. The chief librarian has the enviable job of choosing the new books, but all the staff browse through the publishers' catalogues and record requests from library users. The people that come into the library always love speaking with you because you are so friendly and considerate and really enjoy helping them out.

Meanwhile you continue your archival studies part-time, which provides the excitement in your life. Your master's thesis is a complete annotated catalogue and commentary on the materials from Judge Hunter that you had helped sort as a volunteer. You are also taking some specialized courses in the care and preservation of photographs and old maps. You like the library, but dream of the day when you finish school and can begin your chosen work.