



Serving librarians,  
staff, and trustees  
since 1939

**Our Mission:**

- To provide quality information and activities for all areas of SCLA membership.
- To maintain financial viability to support division, committee, and award activities.
- To respond to the needs of the membership we represent.
- To support and educate all the membership dedicated to this mission.
- To be a premiere Suffolk County association offering a broad range of workshops.

## Did You Know?

As an Academic Librarian you could:

Promote information literacy  
Teach credit and non-credit classes  
Collaborate with the faculty

Serve as liaison to academic departments

Assist students with research  
Mentor students

Design and maintain a web page

Develop & manage book/journal collections

Create workshop programs

Utilize the latest technology

Manage a department

Hire staff

Instruct in the use of computers

Enrich lives

Acquire and catalog materials

Participate in campus committees

Write grants

Provide reference help

Publish professionally

Promote and maintain databases

Attend conferences and workshops

Develop search skills

Plan for future information needs



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# Careers in Academic Libraries



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## Job Description

Academic librarians are involved in a wide range of services: reference, technical, circulation, interlibrary loan, periodical; instructional material, special library (business, medical, museums, rare book, music) and administration.

They work directly serving the college community, as well as behind the scenes, cultivating and organizing the library's collections, programs, and services.

Academic librarians assist the faculty, students and the administrative staff in finding information and using it effectively. They must have knowledge of a wide variety of scholarly and general information sources.

Academic librarians follow technologies closely. They select and organize library materials. They manage staff, and develop and direct bibliographic instruction programs designed to meet specific needs of faculty and students.

## Education Requirements

A master's degree in Library Science (MLS) from an American Library Association accredited library school. Usually a second subject master's degree is required. Scholarly publications may also be required for promotion and tenure.

Academic librarians are not required to have Civil Service registration nor do they have to be on Civil Service lists.

## Graduate Programs in Library Science

### Graduate School of Library and Information Studies

Queens College/CUNY  
65-30 Kissena Blvd.  
Flushing, NY 11367  
718-997-3790

<http://www.qc.cuny.edu/Academics/Degrees/DSS/gslis/Pages/homepage.aspx>

### Palmer School of Library and Information Science

LIU Post Campus  
720 Northern Blvd.  
Brookville, NY 11548  
516-299-2866

<http://www.liu.edu/palmer/>

### Pratt Institute/School of Information

200 Willoughby Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11205  
718-636-3702

<https://www.pratt.edu/academics/information/>

### St. John's University/Division of Library and Information Science

8000 Utopia Parkway  
Jamaica, NY 11439  
718-990-6200

<http://www.stjohns.edu/academics/schools-and-colleges/st-johns-college-liberal-arts-and-sciences/library-and-information-science>



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## Professional Associations

### Suffolk County Library Association (SCLA)

<http://scla.net>

Consider joining multiple SCLA divisions in line with your interests:

Young Adult Services, Reference & Adult Services, Computer & Technical Services, Academic & Special Libraries, and Support Staff Division.

### American Library Association (ALA)

<http://www.ala.org>

— Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) <http://www.ala.org/acrl>

### New York Library Association (NYLA)

<http://www.nyla.org>

—Academic and Special Libraries Section (ASLS)

### Special Libraries Association (SLA)

<http://www.sla.org>

*Most organizations offer discounted rates for students.*