

## Did You Know?

As a School Media Librarian you could:

Collaborate with classroom teachers  
Instruct students in technology  
Teach students information literacy skills

Create engaging learning tasks  
Connect the school with the global learning community

Assist with research projects  
Manage the library

Promote lifelong literacy

Purchase & process library materials

Plan for future information needs

Lead book discussion groups

Be involved in school clubs and committees

Attend conferences and workshops

Train and mentor staff

Provide 24-7 access to library services

Guide students to read for understanding and pleasure

Provide reference assistance

Develop book collections

Prepare school library budgets



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# Careers in School Media



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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.

## Job Description

A school library media specialist is both a teacher and a librarian in K-12 schools. The classroom of the school librarian is the school library.

School librarians perform five roles in schools:

1. Teachers of information literacy/ inquiry and technology skills
2. Information specialists
3. Instructional partners with other classroom teachers
4. Program administrators of the library program and facility in their schools
5. Leaders in building 21st century skills throughout the school environment.

## Education Requirements

A master's degree in Library Science (MLS) is necessary for librarian positions in all public and private school libraries.

In addition to the MLS, New York State Education Law and the Commissioner's Regulations require prospective New York State teachers to pass designated tests and attend mandated workshops and seminars.

## 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.

### Suffolk County: SSLMA (Suffolk School Library Media Association):

<http://www.sslma.org>

### Children's Librarian Association of Suffolk County (CLASC, Inc.)

<http://clascincorg.blogspot.com/>

### Nassau County: LISMA (Long Island School Media Association):

<http://www.lisma.org>

### School Library Media Specialists of Southeastern New York (SLMSSENY):

[www.slmsseney.org](http://www.slmsseney.org)

### New York Library Association (NLYA)

[www.nyla.org](http://www.nyla.org)

— Section of School Librarians (SSL)

### American Library Association (ALA)

[www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)

— American Association of School Librarians (AASL)