

“Enquiring minds want to know...”

Bio-economy Career Profile

Position: Library Manager

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Company: Canadian Science Centre for Human and Animal Health

Salary Range: \$60,000 to \$80,000 per year

What I do:

I ensure that the scientists at the virology labs are linked to all the information resources that they need in order to do their jobs at the highest possible level.

I mostly work with the Public Health Agency staff members and assist them with literature scans and teach them about literature searches and reference management. I also evaluate the purchasing of electronic resources. My other day-to-day duties include website development, development of search tools, including cataloguing, administration, human-resource issues, and budgeting.

What education and skills do candidates need for this position?

A background in science is extremely helpful and sought after for these positions. Prerequisites for the position usually include a Masters in Library and Information Science.

Candidates require knowledge of web-based search-engine tools and should have experience in cataloguing and managing documents. Other useful traits include the ability to effectively teach search skills, strong interpersonal and organizational skills, the ability to multi-task, and patience. I live by the phrase, “Enquiring minds want to know.”



What are the best parts of your job?

The best thing about my job is the ability to work with staff who are involved in leading-edge research. It provides me with the opportunity to know something about everything, which has also prepared me to be an excellent Trivial Pursuit player.

People interested in the field should know that there is huge potential and opportunity in library sciences. Unlike what most people think of librarians, the field is extremely interesting and dynamic, the technology is always changing, and librarians can work in all kinds of interesting places.