

Using Curiosity and Transferable Skills to Guide Your Career Path

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My career path



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Find jobs that match your LIS skills

- Do not fear acquiring a new skillset
- Think about skills you have and how they can be applied
- What are your transferrable skills
- Think about all of the jobs you've had
- What did you gain/learn/experience?



Market yourself

- Don't regurgitate your resume
- Create a fresh cover letter
- Focus on what you can do for the company
- Display your strengths
- Articulate how your previous experience is relevant



Highlight your skills and brand

- Don't limit the scope of your job-seeking
- Highlight your LIS, non-LIS, and volunteer experience
- Focus on your knowledge, transferrable skills, and unique skills
- Don't be all work and no play: you are more than just your career



Start with what and why?



- What's the career?
- What will it take?
- What are the risk?
- Why do you want this?
- Why will it make life better?
- Do you need to learn new skills?

Develop a plan

- Set goals
- Track your effort
- Identify your job search terms
- Explore LinkedIn
- Be active on social media



Network



- Set networking goals – in-person and online
- Utilize professional organizations
- Share your plan with people you meet

Seize all opportunities



- Say yes (as often as you can)!
- Be proactive – let people know you want to help
- Create your own opportunities

Utilize free resources

- I Need a Library Job (INALJ): <http://inalj.com/>
- Hiring Librarians: <https://hiringlibrarians.com/>
- Ask A Manager: <http://www.askamanager.org/>
- The Muse: <https://www.themuse.com/>
- Harvard Business Review: <https://hbr.org/>
- Special Libraries Association: <https://www.sla.org/career-center/>
- American Library Association: <https://joblist.ala.org/>
- LinkedIn Jobs: <https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/>

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