



Library & Information Technology Information Session

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acknowledges with respect our location
on Musqueam unceded, traditional and
ancestral territory.

We are grateful for our relationship with
Musqueam, who gifted us with the name
snəwəyəl leləm', *house of teachings*,
in 2016.





Agenda

1. Intro to the Library Field
2. Langara Program Profile
3. Admissions Process
4. Curriculum
5. Pathway Programs
6. Other Details
7. Connect with us



Why choose the
Library field?

Types of library workers.

- Librarians (Masters Degree)
- Library Technicians (**Diploma**)
- Library Assistants (Grade 12)



Types of Libraries and Information Centres

Academic

- College or university

School

- Elementary and secondary schools
- Public and private

Public

- Large, small, main/branches, urban/rural

Special

- Corporate, non-profit, arts/cultural, national, government, medical, legal, etc.

Non-Traditional

- Non-Traditional: providing technical support, consulting, web design, database design, records management, digital curation, information architecture / UX, research, etc.



Library of Parliament, Ottawa

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Why Libraries?

- Median annual salary for library technicians is \$53,310
- Average earnings between \$30,000 to \$89,000

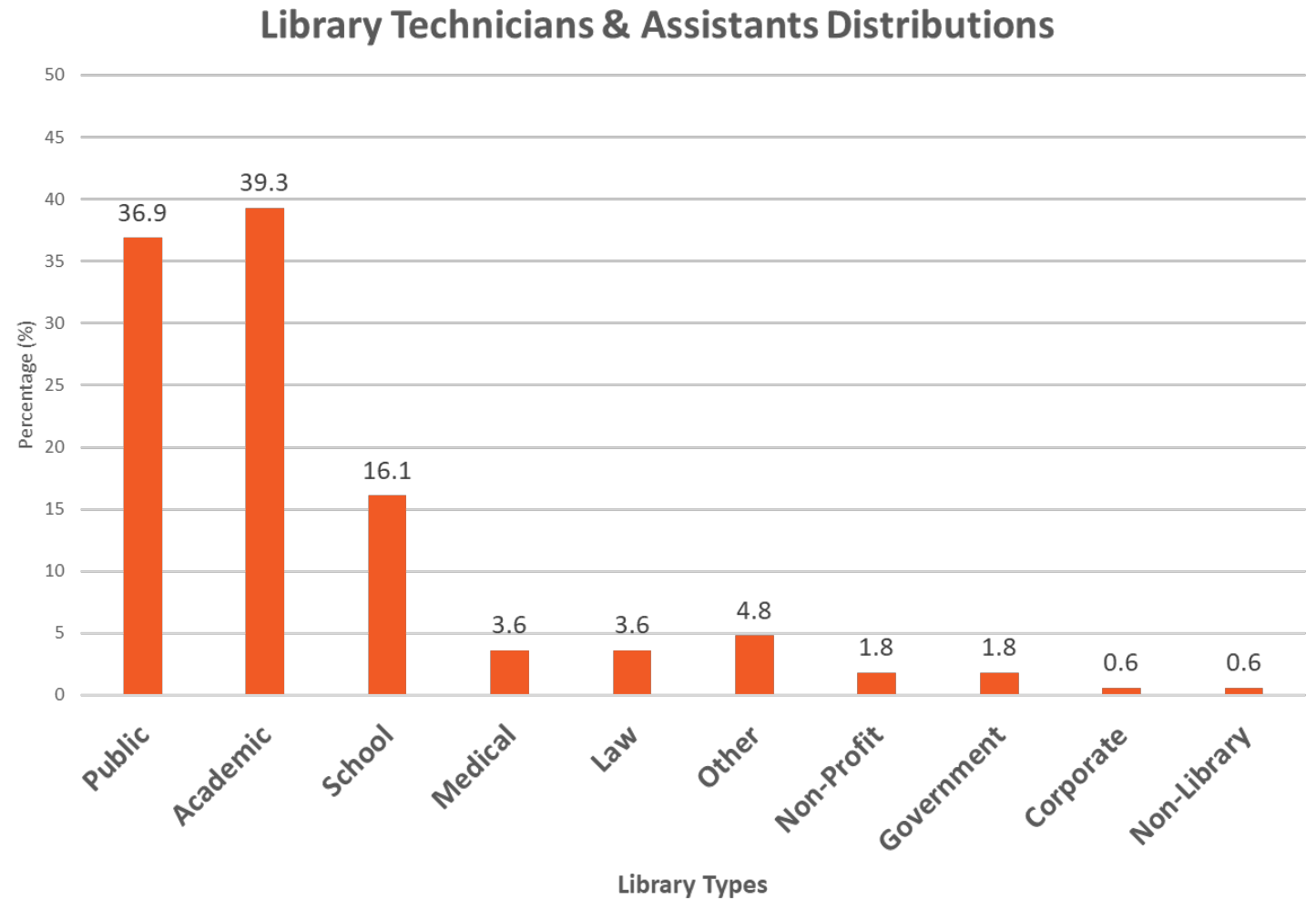
Job Bank (2022)

https://www.workbc.ca/career-profiles/library-and-public-archive-technicians#career_overview



Where do Library Technicians work?

Library Technicians and Assistants Section (LTAS) of the British Columbia Library Association's 2013 survey, responded to by individuals from 7 provinces and 1 from out of country, indicates the approximate percentage of technicians and assistants is distributed as following:



Library Work.

- **Public Services**

- Circulation, reference, help desk, adult or children's services, ILL, outreach, etc.

- **Technical Services**

- Acquisitions, cataloguing, processing, serials

- **Technical Support**

- System support, library web page, computer lab instruction, etc.



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Working conditions

- Part time, on call, and temporary contracts to start
 - Evening and weekend work is common
 - 35 – 40 hours per week
- Unionized environment (usually good benefits)



Associations & job postings

- Partnership National Library Jobsite of Canada
- British Columbia Library Association
- Library Technicians and Assistants Section (LTAS)
- Canadian Library Association
- Canadian Federation of Library Associations
- Special Libraries Association – Featured Jobs
- Langara Library & Information Technology Listserv

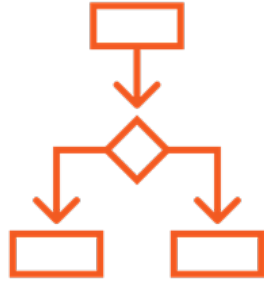


**Why choose the Library &
Information Technology
Program?**

Programs at a glance.



150 Students



**2 Program
Options**



7-9 Faculty



Diversity

BC Student Outcomes

Langara Library & Information Technology Program

Employment

Median hourly wage

\$26

85% of all respondents were employed

of those who were employed...

77%

were working full-time

The minority

were self-employed

81%

were in a job related to their program

91%

said the knowledge and skills gained were useful in performing their job

BC Student Outcomes

Langara Library & Information Technology Program

Summary

Former post-secondary students were asked about their educational experiences, subsequent employment, and further studies. Here is a summary of the results:

Gender



22% were male

78% were female

Median age



35

Satisfaction rate



90%

96%

said the **quality of instruction** was very good, good, or adequate

77%

of employed respondents were **working full-time**

16%

took further studies

81%

of employed respondents were **in a job related to their program**

Results are based on:

Diploma, Langara College, Education, Program Name: Library and Information Technology

Data retrieved April 2024 from https://bcstats.shinyapps.io/so_data_viewer/

Why Langara?

- Recognized across Canada.
- One of only two programs in BC.
- Courses offered in Fall and Spring.
- Usually only one course during the summer (often it is online).
- Flexible participation options is entirely online.
- In person option is entirely on campus.
- Hybrid allows you to study with a combination of online and on-campus courses.





Hands on learning

2 practicums

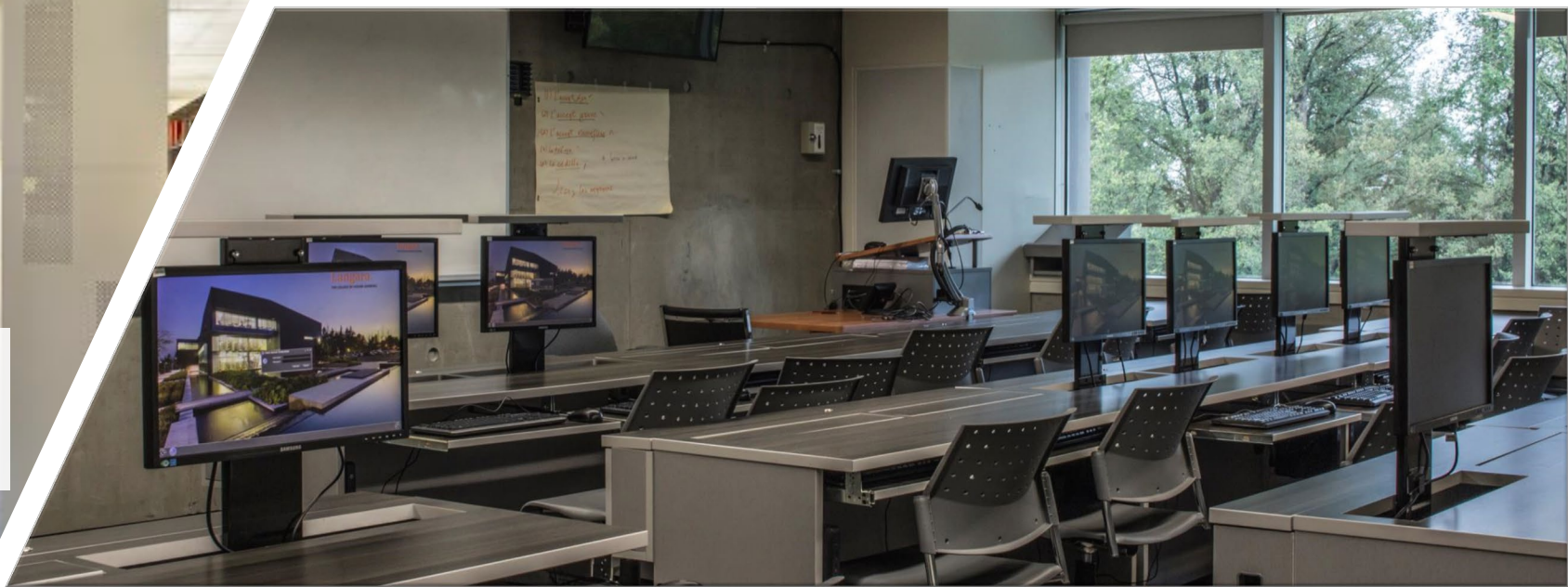
- Job shadowing
- Project work
- Entry level library work

13 technical courses

- Including 2 practicums
- Hands-on instruction methods
- Opportunities to try methods with instructional computer labs



Langara Campus



Our Space

Our Grads



Julie Cole
Administrator, Library Services
Langara College



Ronald Deo
Manager, Learning Resources
Services, Surrey Schools



Wendy Wright
Director
Smithers Public Library



Marianne Huang
Library Assistant II
Vancouver Public Library

Applying to
Langara is easy.





Admission Requirements

BC Grade 12 graduation (or equivalent) or 19 years of age or older.

English category 2

- 70% English 12
- LET 3
- IELTS 6.5
- *More ways to satisfy this requirement can be found on the website*

<https://langara.ca/admissions/requirements/english-language-requirements/index.html>

All intakes offer Flexible Participation, meaning you can study part time, full time, in person or through online instruction.



Admissions Process

All necessary documents must be submitted to Registrar and Enrolment Services.

1. Completed Application Form
2. Official Transcripts
3. Letter of Intent – indicating what makes you a good candidate, and what are your experiences with libraries?
4. Interview and testing

All intakes offer Flexible Participation, meaning you can study part time, full time, in person or through online instruction.



Program Intakes

Langara offers 3 intakes per year.
Applications open 11 months in advance of each intake.

Fall Intake (September start)

- Interview/testing begin in April
- Registration begins in June

Spring Intake (January start)

- Interview/testing begins in October
- Registration begins in November

Summer Intake (May start)

- Interview/testing begin in February
- Registration begins in March

All intakes offer Flexible Participation, meaning you can study part time, full time, in person or through online instruction.



Interview and Testing

Interview

- Meet with faculty and have a conversation about yourself and the reasons why you want to enter the program.
- In person or online

Computer Usage Survey

- Complete the survey indicating your level of familiarity of using current technology, social media, and equipment.

Test

- Filing exercise
- Short paragraph answers related to the career and/or library industry
- Conducted online
- 90 minutes

Contact libtech@langara.ca if you have any questions.



Selection Criteria

1. Academic ability (assessed based on grades)
2. Library/information work experience (including volunteer)
3. Work experience / involvement in other fields indirectly related to libraries (i.e. teaching experience, computer training)
4. Ongoing interest as a library user
5. Aptitude or experience with computers or automated environments
6. Ability to communicate in writing
7. Ability to communicate orally
8. Ability to organize information and follow written instructions
9. General knowledge and evidence of well-rounded interests



Criminal Record Check

A Criminal Record Check (CRC) is expected for many library jobs and practicum placements.

AFTER acceptance into the program, you will be requested to start the CRC process.*

Students will not be able to register for second term and onward without completing the CRC process.

**A link to the CRC form will be sent in an email after your acceptance.*

Curriculum



Curriculum: In Person

Core Courses:

FIRST YEAR (Fall)

LIBR	1111	Online Search and Information Handling	3
LIBR	1118	Introduction to Cataloguing	3
LIBR	1120	Philosophy and Functions	3

FIRST YEAR (Spring)

LIBR	1219	Field Work I	3
LIBR	1228	Introduction to Technical Services and Circulation	3

SECOND YEAR (Fall)

LIBR	2328	Subject Analysis and Classification	4
LIBR	2411	Library Technologies and Information Management	3

SECOND YEAR (Spring)

LIBR	2416	Reference Resources and Services	3
LIBR	2418	RDA, MARC Coding & Derived Cataloguing	3
LIBR	2419	Field Work II	

In addition:

Three (3) Special Topics Courses:

LIBR XXXX 9

Mostly offered in Summer and Spring semesters
Sometimes one is offered in Fall

Topics:

- Indigenous Knowledges and Libraries
- Indigenous Reference
- Young Adult Services
- Children's Services
- Readers' Advisory
- Records Management
- Archives and Museums
- Special Libraries
- Supervisory Skills
- Digital Collections Management
- Media and Electronic Materials
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Libraries

Curriculum: Non-LIBR Courses

Non-LIBR Courses

Support Courses - focusing on communication skills, computer/technology skills and knowledge about Canadian, Indigenous and Business topics, all of which are useful in libraries. General electives – any topic.

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|---|---|
| 1. BCAP 1200 Business Computer Applications I | 3 |
| 2. Two English/CMNS courses | 6 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any two English courses offered by Langara• CMNS 1118 Written Communications• CMNS 2228 Advanced Written Communications | |
| 3. One from the list of 22 courses on Canadian, Indigenous and Business topics** | 3 |
| 4. Three general electives | 9 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three non-LIBR courses on any topic• These courses are designed to increase the breadth of knowledge of our students, so that they are not solely focused on library topics. | |

Course Search: <https://langara.ca/reg-guide/before-you-register/search-for-courses.html>

****List of 22 electives:**

ABST 1100: Canadian Aboriginal Experience
ABST 1102: Aboriginal Culture....
ABST 1104: Canadian Aboriginal Policy
ABST 1115: Aboriginal Contemporary Issues
ABST 1116: Aboriginal Women in Can.
AHIS 1119: Oh Canada!: Art, Ident...
ANTH 1180: Colonialism and Rec. in BC
BUSM 1100: Intro to Bus in Canada
BUSM 1115: Entrepreneurship
BUSM 1200: Management Principles
BUSM 2115: HR Management
BUSM 2200: Organizational Behavior
CNST 1120: Canadian First Nations Concerns
CNST 1130: Work in Canadian Society
CNST 1140: Racism & Ethnic Relations Canada
HIST 1116: Canada to 1867
HIST 1126: Canada since 1867
HIST 1161: Issues in Canadian History
HIST 2207: Early BC
HIST 2215: Modern BC
POLI 1119: Canadian Politics and Govt

Curriculum: Flexible (online) Program

Flexible Participation (Online) Students must:

- take one to five courses each term
- select courses based on prerequisites; courses are offered on a rotating schedule, following the same Fall/Spring schedule as on previous slide
- complete the program within five years (for both programs)

Core Courses:

LIBR 1111 Online Search and Information Handling
LIBR 1118 Introduction to Cataloguing
LIBR 1120 Philosophy and Functions
LIBR 1219 Field Work I
LIBR 1228 Introduction to Technical Services and Circulation
LIBR 2328 Subject Analysis and Classification
LIBR 2411 Library Technologies and Information Management
LIBR 2418 RDA, MARC Coding & Derived Cataloguing
LIBR 2416 Reference Resources and Services
LIBR 2419 Field Work II
+
Three Special Topics courses
+
Non-LIBR courses, as described on the previous slide

Credits and Pre-reqs:

3
3
3
3 has prerequisite(s)
3
4 must have taken or be taking 1118
3 has prerequisite(s)
3 has prerequisite(s)
3 has prerequisite(s)
3 has prerequisite(s)
9

NB: The online program is identical to the in-person/regular program

Fieldwork I for online cohort offered **every second Fall**. Next offering: Fall 2026

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Workload

We recommend that students budget **10-15 hours per week per course** while in the program.

Courses have significant workload and students are asked to complete many hands-on assignments.



Academic Performance

Students must achieve a minimum grade of 'C' in all courses to remain in the program and receive the Diploma in Library and Information Technology.



Pathway Programs

TRU Open Learning

- Bachelor of General Studies
- Bachelor of Arts – General Studies
- Bachelor of Arts – General Program

Athabasca University

Bachelor of Professional Arts – Communication Studies



Transfer Pathways are subject to change

Other Details



Money matters.

(The following fees are an approximation and subject to change)

Application: \$40 (domestic students)
(non-refundable and covers applications to more than one program)
<https://langara.ca/student-services/enrolment-services/tuition-fees/domestic-student-tuition-fees>

Registration : \$7800 (domestic students)
(for entire curriculum of 20 or 21 courses; include tuition, building, Student Union, and health fees)
<https://langara.ca/financial-aid/student-loans/cost-study-calculator>

Material/Lab: vary
(information is in the course listing of the current Semester Course Schedule)
https://swing.langara.bc.ca/prod/hzgkfcls.P_Sel_Crse_Search?term=202610

Books: vary



SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

The Financial Aid Office can help you find ways to reduce the financial barriers through bursaries, scholarships, emergency loans, student loans (domestic students), grants, and student work assistant programs. Contact finaid@langara.ca for details.

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(The following fees are an approximation and subject to change)

Criminal record check: \$28

<https://langara.ca/admissions/application-information/appl-decisions-definitions/appl-pdfs-non-searchable/liit-supplemental>

Personal desktop or laptop computer is required if student is not able to use campus lab. PC computers are recommended. English interface is required.

U-Pass: available if qualified

U-Pass BC is a student transit program delivered in partnership with TransLink, and the Ministry of Transportation. Eligible students will have access to a 3-zone pass valid for unlimited use on TransLink bus, SkyTrain and Seabus services for an affordable rate per month which will automatically be added to fees upon registration if qualified.

<https://langara.ca/student-services/student-life/u-pass-bc>

Miscellaneous other items: vary

(credit transfer, supplies, printing, etc)



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Student Support

Learning Commons & Tutoring

<https://langara.ca/student-services/learning-commons>

Financial Aid and Scholarships

<https://langara.ca/student-services/financial-aid>

Student Employment

- **Job board:** <https://langara-csm.symplicity.com>
- **Co-op & Career Development Centre**
<https://langara.ca/coop-and-career-development>

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Health Coverage

<https://www.studentcare.ca>

<https://langara.ca/student-services/health-services>

Counselling

<https://langara.ca/student-services/counselling>

U-Pass Program

<https://langara.ca/student-services/upass>

Much more...

<https://langara.ca/student-services/>

Other Details

- Part-time, online, or evening courses available in Spring and Fall terms for those who are busy. (PT only available through online flexible participation option)
- Summer session: We offer typically one library-related course; Students often take electives or support courses in this semester, or a break.
- Peer-support lab hours available during Spring and Fall for online and on-campus students.
- Transfer credits available; must apply by completing a Transfer Credit Request form
- Scholarships/bursaries, loan, and student work available (GROW: <https://langara.ca/grow-program>)



International Students

Contact the **Langara Global** office



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A photograph of three young women jumping joyfully in the air. The woman on the left is wearing a dark jacket and has her mouth open in a shout. The woman in the middle is wearing glasses and a dark jacket, with her arms raised high. The woman on the right is wearing a light-colored sweater and is holding a smartphone. They are all smiling and appear to be celebrating. In the background, there is a banner with some text that is partially obscured. The entire image has an orange overlay.

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