Diving in Headfirst!

...our first few years in the library world

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Ways to start looking for your first job:

• University websites
• Local/state library organizations
• Local/state library conferences
• National websites
• Listservs
• Professional events
• Personal email/resume

Interview Tips

• Proof your resume; then again.
• Always send a cover letter.
• Do your research and be prepared to ask questions based on your research.
• Have good questions ready for them.
• Make sure you contact your references.
• Google yourself & your interviewers! 😊
• Send thank you notes.

http://www.glassdoor.com/blog/common-interview-questions/
Office/Organizational Culture:

- Where does the library fit?
- What are my direct supervisors expectations?
- Who is the most powerful person/person(s)?
- Who are the most friendly partners?
- What are the unwritten expectations?
- Have an “Elevator” speech.
WHERE WE THOUGHT WE’D BE

WHERE WE ARE

http://business.nmsu.edu/~dboje/448/seam_images/direction%20of%20path%20to%20take.jpg
Where are we going???
Future of Libraries

The meeting point where People in the Field have new ideas and Resource Allocators support those ideas

Example: Knight News Challenge for Libraries

Resource Allocators:
Investors, Donors, Grant Agencies, Government Officials
These people are important because they can influence important people to support the library and they can fund concepts, designs, platforms, and products that will be of value to the communities that libraries serve.

People in the field: Librarians, Support Staff, Patrons, Community Members
These people are important because they create or identify concepts, designs, platforms, and products that the library will want to use to be successful in serving their communities for the future.
Ways to find a mentor:

- Internal structures already in place
- Local organizations/chapters
- National organizations/chapters
- Alumni network
- LinkedIn

* Try to find someone within your organization AND outside of it, if possible!
Networking & professional development are the keys to success!
Professional Development:

- Mentor suggestions
- *Local conferences*
- *Local consortia*
- Listservs
- National conferences and associations
- Non-LIS organizations
- Toastmasters International
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