



JOB MARKET STUFF - LIBRARY JOURNAL (BLOG)

A section of the newsletter contains information from recent graduates on "How I Landed My First Job." Based on reading them, I'd say if these grads are typical of Valdosta State, then they're doing a pretty good job of informing students about the realities of the job market. Job Market Stuff June 18th, 2012

Almost immediately after the last post about the MLS being the worst master's degree for jobs, I received an "American Libraries Special Delivery" (i. e. , spam advertising) informing me of the wonders of the San Jose State Post-Master's Certificate Program. Kind Reader specifically directed my attention to page 4, where one grad mentions why she was hired. "I was later informed by my supervisor that out of the 'huge stack' of applications they received, I was chosen because I was young, technologically savvy, and 'had all the right answers' they were looking for." That seems like a recipe for success in applying for any library job these days, so I'd like to recommend it. Good opportunity for summer 2012 MLIS grads seeking academic library service desk experience while job-hunting for a permanent position; other recent college graduates (undergrad) deferring graduate school entry until January '13 also encouraged to apply. Since we're talking about job market stuff, a kind reader sent me a couple of links with the subject line "job market stuff." One is for a lovely part-time temporary job. They claim the certificate will help you "Update your knowledge about emerging trends in the library and information science field and stay competitive in a challenging job market," which implies they don't think their massive multiplayer online MLS is sufficient. If they're extraordinary, then the other Valdosta State students should emulate them, because they seem pretty savvy about the market to me, especially regarding flexibility and covering tattoos. Responsible for training and supervision of large student work force staffing primary service desk; manages circulation and reserves operations, including an active technology (laptops and other personal devices) lending program.... I don't know anything about Valdosta State or why their accreditation is conditional, but they're very happy about the possibility of ending their conditional status some day soon, and who could blame them. Earning a certificate, taking temporary non-professional positions, or being young and tech-savvy – I think we know which would increase your chances of getting a job.

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