

Twenty Up: Oh, The Places the SLIS Class of 1998 Have Been and What They Can Tell You!

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What Are We Doing Today?

1. Learn about the different jobs and career paths open to librarians
2. Get career advice from UA SLIS grads
3. Discover top skills and strategies to succeed as a librarian



Class of 1998 – Where Have We been? Where Are We Now?!





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• jobs and career
paths open to
librarians


Assistant Director
Research Librarian
Law Librarian
Research Librarian
Manager
Access Services Supervisor
Policy Advisor
Librarian & Learning Designer
Tenured Faculty, Research Services
Web & Discovery Services Librarian
Managing Principal
Consulting Director, Enterprise & Cyber Security
Associate Vice-President, Education Support and Innovation
Acting Manager, Collections & Technical Services
NEOS Manager & Indigenous Initiatives
Family Lawyer
Reference and Research Services Coordinator
Interim University Librarian
Curriculum Specialist
Information Services Librarian
Regional Librarian
Deputy Director
Director
Liaison Librarian
Manager, Collections
Associate Professor, Information Studies
Public Services Librarian
Director



Sean Barr

Access Services Supervisor
University of Alberta Libraries

Career path has included
academic (UAL), corporate
(Follett) and public library
(EPL) experiences.



Laura Taylor

Deputy CEO

Marigold Library System

Career path has been predominantly in the public sector including work in public libraries in Alberta, BC and Saskatchewan.

Experience working with library boards.



Samantha James

Community Outreach Manager
Iwokrama International Centre for
Rain Forest Conservation &
Development, Guyana

Community collaboration for
resource management,
dissemination of info, capacity
building for resource
management with Indigenous
people, with a focus on youth.



Debbie Feisst

Public Services Librarian
HT Coutts Library, University
of Alberta

Career path has included a
stint as an Engineering
Librarian and Collections in
academic settings, Edmonton
Public Library, contract work
and secondments.



Heather Empey

Interim University Librarian
UNBC

Career path has included roles as
Reference Librarian and Collections
& Acquisitions Librarian, both at
UNBC.





Liza Chan

Research Librarian

Cross-appointed: University of
Alberta, John W. Scott Health
Sciences Library and Alberta
Innovates

Career path included Bachelor of
Science degree in Physical Therapy,
Associate Fellowship at the US
National Library of Medicine (NLM),
health librarianship.



Michael Brundin

Web and Discovery Services Librarian
MacEwan University

Career path included work in a special library (TAL), a public library (EPL), academic libraries (UAL, and MacEwan Library), and universities (University of Alberta, and University of Western Ontario).



Sona Macnaughton

Librarian/Learning Designer
Red Deer College Library/CTL

Career path has included brief stints in corporate (in UK), government (Alberta Justice), and special projects (Alberta Provincial Virtual Reference Project) bookended by academic (NAIT, University of Lethbridge, and now at RDC).



Aidan Meegan

Manager, Collections

Regina Public Library

Library path: Chief Librarian, Project Manager, Head Librarian/Information Specialist.

Corporate career path: Enterprise Information Strategist, Metadata Manager, & Senior Product Owner of Enterprise Data Management.



Joanne Rodger

Curriculum Specialist in the MD
Program
University of Alberta

Career path includes
Teacher-Librarian, Regional
Libraries, public libraries (rural &
EPL), non-profits, Adjunct
Professor at SLIS/U of A, PhD.





Donna Sikorsky

Acting Head, E.K. Williams
Law Library
University of Manitoba

Career path includes Liaison
Librarian, Law firm Librarian,
library administration,
collection management,
facilities management.



Kerry Anderson

Assistant Director
Public Library Services Branch,
Alberta Municipal Affairs

Career path predominantly in and with public libraries. Regional libraries - Northern Lights: Library Consultant, managing Public Library Network; current role is legislative services and network development.

Anne Carr-Wiggin

NEOS Manager & Indigenous
Initiatives
University of Alberta Libraries

Career path has included several
Reference Assistant positions in
public and academic libraries prior
to library school; Project
Coordinator at The Alberta Library;
and secondments to public services
management positions at UA.





Luella Lee

Library Technician, Calgary
Board of Education

Career Path has included
Archival Assistant, CBC,
public libraries, museum
curator, oil & gas, records
management, library
technician.



Anke Eastwood

Law Librarian
Alberta Law Libraries

Career Path has included
academic libraries, special
libraries, Provincial Court
Library.

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Career Advice



Mobility

Open
Mindedness

Reflection

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Mobility

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Open Mindedness

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Reflection

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Top Skills and Strategies to Succeed



2 Components of Top Skills:

Practical

- ◎ Project management
- ◎ Social media
- ◎ Social networks
- ◎ Information technology
- ◎ Leadership potential



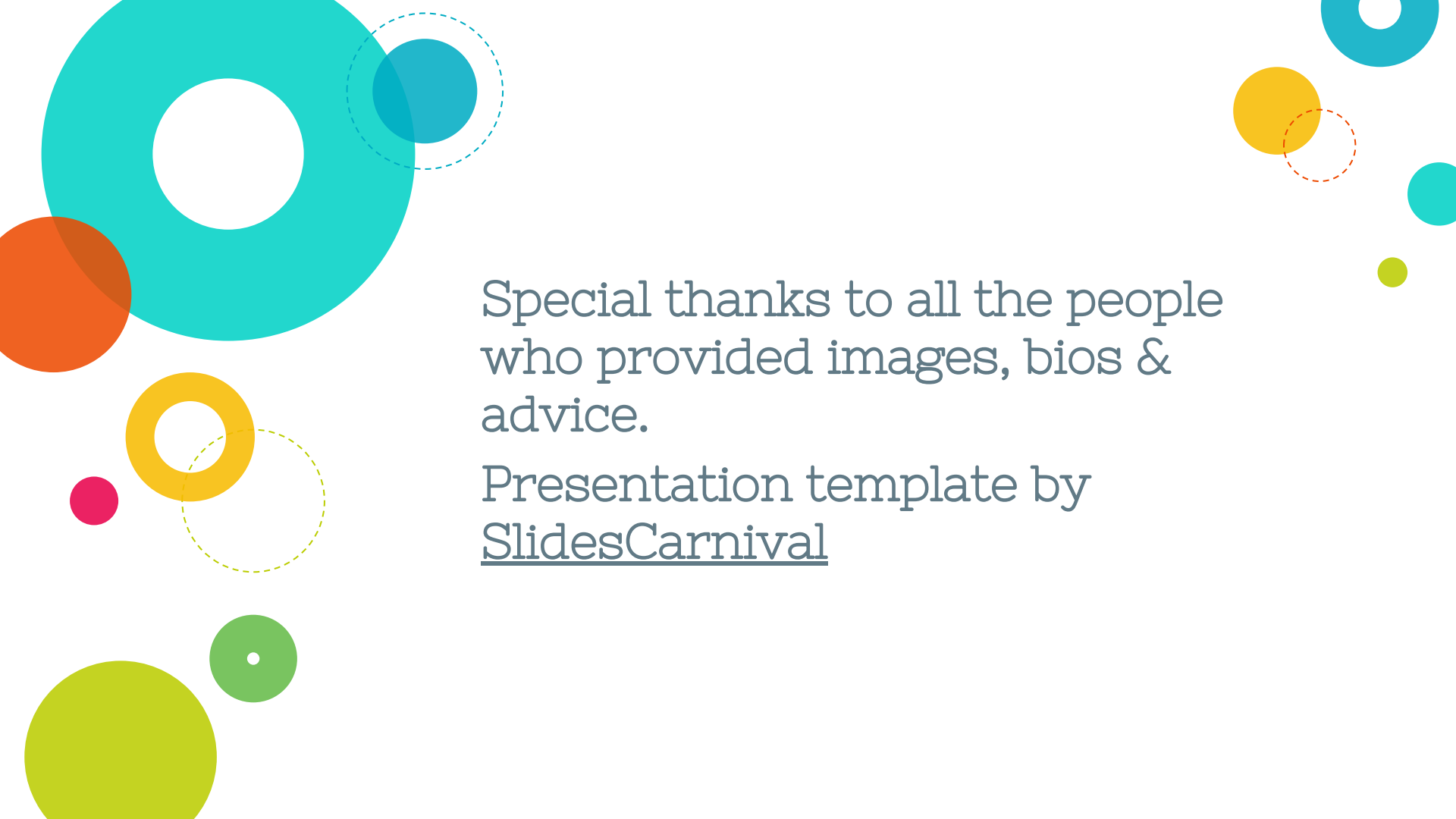
Soft skills; personal characteristics

- ◎ Cultural fit
- ◎ Willingness
- ◎ Communication
- ◎ Respect
- ◎ Attitude
- ◎ Community
- ◎ Flexibility

Thank You!



Questions? Discussion?



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