NARROWING THE SCOPE

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WHAT IS A LIBRARIAN?
HOW DID I GET HERE?
LIBRARIAN LIFE
Trine University – 2016 Enrollment: 3,650
Information Services Librarian (Staff)
- Technology Lead
- Liaison to Business & Engineering (but really everything)
- Administrator for ILS, Springshare, Website
- E-Resources
- Collection Development
- Library Marketing
- Copyright Liaison
- Student Supervisor
- ILL (Sometimes)
LIBRARIAN LIFE

Purdue University – 2016 Enrollment: 40,450
Assistant Professor & Business Information Specialist

• Learning (teaching)
• Discovery
• Engagement
• Mentorship
WHAT?

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Staff
• Responsible for running the library
• No research/publishing
• Not on equal ground with liaison faculty
• Teaching limited to one-shots/workshops

Faculty
• Tenure track
• Researching, publishing, disseminating required
• Equal to all other faculty on campus
• Teach for-credit courses
• Autonomous work schedule

“ASSISTANT PROFESSOR”
MENTORSHIP

Possible Mentors
• Other tenure-track faculty
• Supervisor
• Full professors
• Faculty in other departments
• Formal mentorship

Campus support
• Center for Instructional Excellent
• Provost Office Programs
• Writing Groups

Collaborations
• Learn the research and publishing process
Subject Specific Books

• Making Sense of Business Reference: A Guide for Librarians and Research Professionals (Ross)

• Business Librarianship and Entrepreneurship Outreach (MacDonald & Kirkwood)

Research Methodologies

• Qualitative Research & Evaluation Methods (Patton)

• The Focus Group Research Handbook (Edmunds)

• Using Focus Groups in Research (Litoselliti)
ASSOCIATIONS

- Business Reference Services Section (BRASS) of Reference and User Services Association (RUSA)
- Business & Finance Division of the Special Libraries Association (SLA)
- United States Agricultural Information Network (USAIN)

ALA Divisions
- American Association of School Librarians (AASL)
- Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS)
- Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC)
- Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL)
- Association of Specialized & Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA)
- Library & Information Technology Association (LITA)
- Library Leadership & Management Association (LLAMA)
- Public Library Association (PLA)
- Reference & User Services Association (RUSA)
- United for Libraries
- Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)
CONFERENCES

- ACRL
- ACLR Immersion
- ALA Midwinter
- CAPAL (hi!)
- Charleston Conference
- Conference for Pre-Tenure Women at Purdue University
- European Academy of Management Conference
- Indiana Conference for Women
- Indiana Library Federation Conference
- International Association of University Libraries (IATUL)
- LibTech
- Midwest Data Librarian Symposium
- Pittsburgh Systematic Review Workshop
- Research Data Alliance
- SLA
- USAIN

International Library Related Conferences
https://www.lib.montana.edu/~james/
CONCLUSION

We are librarians because we like to learn.
You can do this!
It’s just going to take some work.