## **THURSDAY CAREERS CHATS**

Date of Session: October 6, 2011 Title of Session: Careers in Library Services	
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Notes from Session:	
Laurie found her career as a librarian when she pursued took a student assistantship in the library at the Eastman School of Music during her graduate program in musicology there. She became fascinated by seeing the research content and archival material within the library at Eastman. She took a staff position there after graduation, and talked with the librarians there about what they did and eventually chose to make that her career. Laurie then chose to complete her Master's degree in Library Science (MLS) at the University of Pittsburgh.	
Laurie describes her work as if it is a career passion. In her job as a librarian, there is the opportunity to teach students in the classroom, at the desk, and individually within her office. She helps them to	
not only find resources but talks with them about incorporating the thinking critically about information. She really appreciates being a well because of the collaboration with colleagues in various academ committee work and in the classroom. Although she is a technical she is also the librarian for the College of Music and Fine Arts. That the technical aspects of librarianship with direct work with students	faculty member within her job as nic departments, through services librarian and cataloger, t gives her the opportunity to blend
Laurie suggests that others consider exploring this field. The perks are great, and her office appears to be a very nice environment at Loyola. The students motivate her and make the days interesting and different. If you're interested to gain these career benefits, consider gaining experience either within a work-study position at a library, an internship or by a job at a local library before progressing in the field. Each library is different within their organization, but many of the changes within technology and libraries will keep the careers interesting and vibrant for the future.	
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