



Helen Blakely - 47

“ Working in a middle school library is my dream job! In this role, I’m expected to be knowledgeable about various books and authors, so reading and learning—two things I love doing anyway—are a part of the job. Supporting kids as they do research for class assignments makes me optimistic about their growing interest in learning and discovering subjects that are fun for them to learn. And just the skill of knowing how to use resources will help serve them as successful adults. Albert Einstein said, ‘The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library,’ and Laura Bush said, ‘I have found that the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card.’ I agree wholeheartedly and hope to pass this on to my students! ”

Occupation:

Librarian

Salary:

\$65,626

Education:

Master's Degree

Job Description:

Librarians and Media Collections Specialists administer and maintain libraries or collections of information, for public or private access through reference or borrowing. Work in a variety of settings, such as educational institutions, museums, and corporations, and with various types of informational materials, such as books, periodicals, recordings, films, and databases. Tasks may include acquiring, cataloging, and circulating library materials, and user services such as locating and organizing information, providing instruction on how to access information, and setting up and operating a library's media equipment.*



*Source: This information is based on O*NET™ data. O*NET is a trademark registered to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

Job Description:

SOC Code: 25-4022

Top Job Skills:

- Customer service
- Word processing
- Analysis of materials
- Curriculum development
- Assists library patrons

General Work Activities:

- Mental Processes
 - Plan community programs or activities for the general public
 - Troubleshoot equipment or systems operation problems
 - Develop policies or procedures for archives, museums or libraries
- Interacting With Others
 - Process library materials
 - Teach others to use technology or equipment
 - Maintain inventories of materials, equipment, or products
 - Help patrons use library or archival resources
 - Confer with others to conduct or arrange operational activities
 - Classify materials according to standard systems
- Information Input
 - Search information sources to find specific data
- Work Output
 - Maintain operational records

Source: SC Works Online Services (SCWOS)

LEARN MORE WITH SCWOS:

SC Works Online Services (SCWOS) is the state's largest job database and provides all of South Carolina's job postings from all major sites, including Monster and Career Builder, in one resource. SCWOS has thousands of positions listed by employers all over the state. To access SCWOS, visit jobs.scworks.org.

Find in-depth breakdowns of occupational statistics such as necessary job certifications, job skills and abilities, current job openings, overview of general work activities, and more by visiting [O*NET.org](https://www.onet.org).

JOB STATISTICS:



Typical Wage Range

\$49,520 - \$75,230



Projected Growth

208/yr Job Openings



Employed In-State

2,180



Required Education

Master's Degree



Work Experience

Typically
Requires None



On-the-Job Training

Typically
Requires None

*Source: Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EXAMPLES OF WORKFORCE AREAS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

Source: SC Works Online Services. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- Catawba
- Midlands
- Santee-Lynches
- Lowcountry
- Pee Dee
- Worklink

EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

Source: SC Works Online Services. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- Richland County School District One
- Greenville County Schools
- Rock Hill Schools
- Barnwell County School District
- Beaufort County, SC

RELATED OCCUPATIONS*:

- Archivists
- Instructional Coordinators
- Library Assistants, Clerical
- Library Science Teachers, Postsecondary
- Library Technicians

NOTE: All data based on state averages. Information may vary depending on region, experience, and specific employment situation. Last Updated: 2025.