

MANAGERS OF RESOURCES

A LAW LIBRARIANS' GUIDE TO SUCCESS IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

HARD COVER VS. PAPERBACK

Despite the accessibility of information and resources, law librarians are still responsible for managing and updating hard copies of their legal sources. This also requires them to update their own knowledge of current changes and trends in the legal field.

Another important task when addressing resource management is the physical care and management of the resources. Law libraries, academic or governmental, typically have extensive archives that will date to the founding of the institution, if not earlier. Ensuring the proper care and handle of these resources is critical to the management and preservation of information.

THE DIGITAL AGE

Law Libraries across the globe are navigating their way through the digitization and continuous growth of online resources and information.

Sources that used to be exclusively printed and would cost thousands a year to replace are now easily found at our fingertips.

Law Librarians are now tasked with curating proficient understanding and management efforts among themselves, students, and faculty.

These kinds of tasks will involve creating workshops for students and professionals to partake in, breaking down the how's and where's of online resource databases, and actively searching for new resources.

Resources:

- Hirsh, S. K., & Stephens, M. (2018). Hyperlinked Libraries. In *Information Services today: An introduction* (2nd Editions, pp. 211–220). essay, Rowman and Littlefield.
- Healey, P. D., & Gatz, P. J. (2014). One among Many. *AALL Spectrum*, 18(6), 9–10.



PROFESSIONALISM

Librarians are recommended to build networks and relationships with other colleagues within the field and to act as a physical and virtual resource for each other. Individuals in this professional area can be found in law schools, governments, private firms, and companies. No two librarians have access or knowledge regarding the same resource.

COMMUNITY ACTORS

• Law librarianship extends beyond your student and faculty, and beyond the law! Your services and resources can also help alumni, legal professionals, and the public.

• Non-legal resources and services can include personal-read recommendations, class selection advice, health and wellness activities, community and professional events, and more!

• “Librarian” is not the only professional hat you will wear. Sometimes it’s a therapist, detective, professor, or I.T.

