Libraryland & Lifelong Learning: Navigating Your Library Career Path

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Outcomes

- Identify individual skills and abilities
- Know sources for educational opportunities (formal/informal)
- Develop effective job search strategies
- Identify ways to develop and implement a career plan

Activity

- Communication Quiz
 - Take the Quiz
 - Complete the Response Key
- Share with a partner

Identify Skills & Abilities

Personal Inventory of skills

- Talk to your manager
- Performance review
- Accomplishments
- Experiences

Career and Employee Development

- Communication
- Research educational opportunities
- Volunteer
- Committees

Job Search Strategies

- Look at library structure
- Identify next position
 - Job shadow
 - Informational interviews
 - Networking
- Scan the horizon
- Opportunities in other systems

Sno-Isle Libraries Process

- One-on-one coaching
- Performance reviews
- Individual development plans

Individual Development Plan

- Opportunity for every employee
- Development to move upward
- Development to move laterally
- Development to stay-in-place

Application Tips

- Cover letter
 - Brief
 - Tailor to the position
 - Share your passion
 - Sell your qualifications
 - Strong close
- Resume
 - Market yourself on paper
 - Target your resume
- PROOFREAD!

Interview Tips

- Prepare for the interview
 - Review the job description
 - Essential functions of the job
 - Required knowledge, skills, and abilities
- Create interview stories
 - Bring brief notes

Interview Tips

- Behavioral interview questions
 - STAR format
 - **S**ituation/**T**ask
 - **■** Action
 - Result
 - Anticipate negative interview questions
 - Practice
- Ask questions at the end of the interview

My Career Path



If you don't get the job...

Nothing is impossible, the word itself says

I'M POSSIBLE!

-Audrey Hepburn

Questions?

