Evolving Art Librarian:

Museum Librarians

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How long have you been a librarian?
What other degrees do you have besides an MLS?
Have you worked at more than 1 type of library?

Was the transition easy?

Yes  89%
No  11%
Number people work library?
1-5 people  67%
6-10 people 9%
10+ people 24%

Manage the library?  55%
Supervise staff  35%

Type of staff?  Librarians  63%
               Staff  60%
               Students  83%
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<th>Task</th>
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<td>Reference</td>
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New & Emerging Services?

Digital Collection management
Curate exhibits
Lectures or discussion groups
Designing online/print guides
Equipment troubleshoot

Marketing?
What tasks do you do now compared to 10 years ago?

Archival processing
Digital conversion
Instruction
Copyright issues
Image licensing

Curate book displays
Edit/review all museum Publications
Fund raising/donor relations
Serve as Registrar
Some retail?
Blogs 50%
Social Networking 50%
Photo/Image software 42%
RSS Feeds 33%
Video/Audio 33%
Social Bookmarking 25%

Rarely used:
Wikis
Podcasts
Cloud computing
Emerging Services & Web 2.0

Benefits?

“Versatility & visibility builds value”

Personal Library

Challenges?

TIME!

No training

Expectations too high
Archival materials
Exhibition catalogs
Auction catalogs
Artists books
Artist interviews, audio tapes, clippings
Slides

Benefits?

Challenges?
Digital Collections

15% Manage/Contribute

Benefits?

Challenges?
Affect of Bad Economy

45%?
Prioritizing

People First

Things Second

Emerging Services Last
How do you juggle multiple responsibilities?

I make many lists.

I schedule specific days for specific functions.

My Outlook calendar and my Blackberry.

Work late, few vacations.

See if an intern can do it.
Work Smarter - Not Harder

- Big picture
- Don’t multitask
- Control your time, do not let others
- Delegate when possible
Future goals?

- Stay same place
  - Develop better IT skills
  - Keep library relevant to museum

- Move into management
  - Head of Reference
  - Library Director

- Retire
  - Volunteer
  - Live on beach, go to Europe