

## Job Searching

### It's Not What You Know But Who You Know

#### Networking

##### *Social networking sites*

LinkedIn  
Facebook  
MySpace  
MeetUp  
Any Other Groups

*Send a letter to all contacts*

*Get out to meet people*

*Be active in Consortium, and other groups that deal with libraries or whatever you are interested in*

*Go to Job Fairs*

*Go to an Unemployment Group, networking Group*

Some are organized by county or city.

#### Strategies

##### Revamp resume and cover letter

*May need multiple resumes for highlighting different strength or different kinds of libraries*

When sending out a resume for a specific job, make objective reflect that job

*Cover Letter needs to be specific to that job*

Use language from ad

*It gives clues to what employers want*

##### Use aggregators and emails to simplify job searching

*Could use RSS feeds*

*Get emails from Library Systems, ILA, ALA, your alma mater, any associations you belong to, or other library job sites*

*Post resume on Monster, alma mater job site*

##### Google yourself

*See how you show up on the web*

Can make yourself more visible

Also give a future employer an idea of what you have been up to

*May need an alias for social networking sites like Facebook to keep personal things personal*

##### Explore new possibilities

*Is there something you have always wanted to do but not had time for?*

*Try something that is out of your comfort zone like Second Life*

*Take time to re-evaluate what you want*

*Take some classes or seminars*

*Some options*

Work in a completely different environment

Take a part time job and open your own business

Do you have to be a librarian?

Volunteer

Take a job that is not exactly what you want but use it as a stepping stone or growth opportunity

##### Bone up on your interviewing skills, and other job related

##### Be Creative

*Never know where your next job might come from or what it might be*

#### Recommended Websites

LISjobs.com

Alma mater job site

*e-recruiting*

**ALA**

**ILA**

**SLA or some other subset of ALA that pertains to you**

**Library System**

**Monster**

**LinkedIn, MySpace**

**Any Others?**