School Librarian Certificate Program

Now accepting applications for the Summer 2020 cohort of school librarian certificate students!

Who should apply? The School Librarian Certificate Program at the School of Information seeks passionate, motivated teachers who want to make a broader impact on teaching and learning at their schools. If you are a current teacher with at least two years classroom experience in a Texas public school or accredited private school, consider school librarianship as the next exciting phase of your career.

School librarians have broad influence on the education of all of the students in a school, creating a community of readers and lifelong learners and collaborating with teachers to bring information literacy and technology skills to students at point of need in the curriculum. In today’s media ecology, children require passionate and knowledgeable school librarians to help them effectively identify, evaluate, and use information to become innovative creators of new knowledge. Today’s school librarians foster in children the ability to think critically and provide them with the skills they need to analyze, form, and communicate ideas in compelling ways. School librarians also cultivate in children a love for reading and the ability to read in multiple formats.

To be a librarian in a public school in Texas, you must hold a Master’s degree from an accredited institution of higher education, successfully complete an Educator Preparation Program, pass the School Librarian’s TExES (Texas Examination of Educator Standards), and have at least two years of classroom teaching experience from a public or accredited private school. If you already hold a Master’s degree, you need only complete the Educator Preparation Program and obtain a passing grade on the certification exam.
If working closely with students, teachers, administrators, and parents to help shape strong and caring citizens for our communities and global workplaces, then school librarianship is for you. Be a part of something special... the 2020 inaugural class of the newly restructured School Librarian Certificate Program at the University of Texas at Austin!

For more information and to apply, visit our webpage at https://www.ischool.utexas.edu/programs/tailored/slc

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Note: Please submit official documents to GIAC (ApplyTexas.org) as far in advance of the Feb. 1 deadline as possible to allow for processing time, as there are many students applying for admission through GIAC every semester.

Still didn’t get your questions answered? Contact Dr. Barbara A. Jansen, School Librarian Certificate Program Coordinator, at bajansen@utexas.edu or 512.232.4696 or join any one of these live virtual information sessions: https://zoom.us/my/utschoollibraryprogram. Follow the directions on the screen to install the Zoom platform. Login 5 minutes prior to the session.

Tuesday, October 8, 5:30 pm
Wednesday, October 9, 8:30 pm
Thursday, October 10, 4:30 pm
Saturday, October 12, 11:30 am
Sunday, October 13, 7:00 pm
Tuesday, October 15, 6:30 pm
Thursday, October 17, 5:30 am
Tuesday, October 22, 8:00 pm

Become a school librarian... it’s the best job on the campus!