



General Interest Meeting

Student College, Academic, and Research Libraries Association

AGENDA

- Introductions!
- What is academic librarianship?
- How can the MI program prepare me for academic librarianship?
- SCARLA Spring 2026 Events
- Get involved with SCARLA: Leadership opportunities!

Welcome to SCARLA

- Website: scarla.rutgers.edu
- ListServ:
scarla.rutgers.edu/mailing-list
 - OR fill out the Interest Form below to be added to the ListServ (email list)
- SCARLA Interest Form:
bit.ly/3ZtHJzh

The Board

President: Adrianna Bugliarello-Wondrich

Vice President: Ashli Aaron

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Secretary: Tallulah Pentecost

Webmaster: OPEN

Member at Large: OPEN

Faculty Advisor: Nancy Kranich

What is Academic Librarianship?

- Librarians who work in...
 - University and college libraries
 - Community college libraries
 - Vocation and technical school libraries
- Depending on the institution/position, academic librarians may be considered staff or faculty and may be eligible for tenure

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What do Academic Librarians do?

- Responsibilities may include...
 - **Subject liaisonship**
 - Reference
 - **Instruction**
 - Outreach/event planning
 - Collection development
 - Circulation
 - Digital services
 - Data management
 - Web development
 - Cataloging
 - **Archives**
 - And so much more!

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Check out the Rutgers Library directory!

- libraries.rutgers.edu/directory
- Reach out to learn more about what it's like to be an academic librarian!

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Specializations

Citation Management
Data
Digital Humanities
Digital Studies
Discovery and Web Services
GIS (Geographic Information Systems)
Government Resources
Humanities
Instructional Design
Library Instruction
Open Access
Open Education Resources
Special Collections
Systematic Review Services

Subjects

African American Studies

African Studies
Africana Studies
Agriculture, Plant, and Animal Sciences
Anthropology
Art, Art History, and Architecture
Biological Sciences
Biomedical Sciences
Business and Finance
Chemistry
Childhood Studies
Cinema, Film, and Television
Classics
Communication
Computer Science
Criminal Justice
Dance
East Asian Studies
Economics

How can I prepare for Academic Librarianship through the MI program?

- Meet regularly with your advisor to tailor your course load to your professional goals
- Utilize School of Communication & Information (SC&I) [career services](#)
- Build relationships with SC&I faculty and RUL faculty/staff (or librarians at any other university/college)
- **Stay involved with SCARLA!**

SOME relevant courses:

- 510: Human Information Behavior
- 518: Information Professions and Community Engagement
- 519: Information Literacy, Learning, and Teaching
- 520: Organizing Information
- 522: Cataloging and Classification
- 530: Search and the Information Landscape
- 532: Collection Development and Management
- 540: Reference Sources & Services
- 574: Knowledge Management in Organizations
- **592: Field Experience**
- Special Topics: Academic Libraries
- Archives courses
- Courses relevant to specific subject libraries, such as 545: Health Sciences Information
- [And more!](#)

SPRING 2026 EVENTS

- All events will be held on a **Wednesday** from **6PM-7PM**
- Keep an eye out on the SCARLA [ListServ](#) and [website](#) for updated event info

Academic Library Hiring Process-March 11th (Zoom)

Learn about the unique process of applying to and interviewing for academic librarian positions from folks in the field and on hiring committees

- REGISTER NOW: bit.ly/4cnD1uy

Feminism in Academic Librarianship-April (Zoom)

Hear about feminist projects spearheaded by academic librarians

CritLib: Topic TBD-Date TBD (Zoom)

Open discussion focused around an article discussing a current issue in academic librarianship

General Meeting: Stress-Buster Edition-May (In-Person)

Hang out with your MI colleagues in person to chat and decompress during finals season

Get involved with SCARLA!

- Attend our events!
- Join the board! Open positions:
 - Webmaster
 - Member at Large
 - Fill out the [Interest Form](#) to express interest in a board position. Multiple people may hold each title!



Thank you for coming!

Interest Form link is posted in the chat!

Quick Links & Contact Info

Academic Librarian Hiring Process event registration

- https://rutgers.zoom.us/meeting/register/Tc6W7s_PTIGuKvaA0VaASw

SCARLA website

- scarla.rutgers.edu

Interest Form

- <https://forms.gle/3EHBXLHDYkVPLm1c7>

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