

THE CAREER I NEVER KNEW I NEEDED FOUND ME AT THE PERFECT TIME

Law librarianship was not on my radar during my early career exploration, and yet, every role I have had until now has prepared me in some way, shape, or form. As a full-time stay-at-home mom in the past year, I reflected on my 13+ years in legal support and decided to revamp my stale journey. But the options seemed limited considering I dropped out of law school after two years, and while a paralegal certificate was helpful in my past roles, I was uncertain about returning to another similar position. Then one day, a recruiter reached out about a research role in a prominent local law firm, which triggered a desire in me to pursue it. The title of a book I have been reading by Anthony Aycok illustrates this career discovery called *The Accidental Law Librarian*. I was apprehensive about returning to the law firm life, but as my now manager described the various research projects she received and the opportunity to expand a program toward knowledge management, I realized this was what I was looking for all along.



In this post-pandemic world, we are more skilled now to utilize our available technology and virtually connect with others. Law librarians live in this wonderful world of vast information and technology at the tip of their hands to provide a service to their patrons. What has been most enjoyable about this role is that it mixes the best parts of what I enjoy and thrive on in a career: research and education. As I continue this journey in law librarianship, I am in awe of the wonderful law librarian professionals who I have met or read about who have extensive experience and expertise.

With a veteran paralegal's perspective, an abridged legal education, and the desire to educate, law librarianship is where I find purpose and privilege, and I could not be more overjoyed.

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