

Children & Young Adult Library Services

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In a time where our world is changing so fast and information is overwhelmingly abundant, children and young adult librarians are in a pivotal position to help young people learn to navigate, make sense of, and take positive action in the world around them. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science Children and Young Adult Library Program maintains a long history of commitment to the preparation of graduates to serve and advocate for these unique library patrons.

Guided by a comprehensive knowledge and applied understanding of theory, practice, and emerging trends in librarianship, graduates of our program go on to become leaders in the field of children and young adult library services and play an influential role in the shaping of 21st century libraries.

The Youth Services Librarian

Individuals interested in obtaining a Master's of Science in Library Science specializing in children and young adult librarianship will find:

- Intellectually rigorous coursework, emphasizing children and young adult literature, reference services, collection development, library management, technology integration and leadership
- Instruction and hands-on application of emerging technologies
- Exceptional faculty
- Dedicated community of peers
- Practicum opportunities serving children and young adults in the public library setting
- Personalized mentorship by professionals in the field of children and youth services and by SILS faculty

Curriculum

The Master of Science in Library Science program requires 48 hours of graduate level coursework, completion of a satisfactory comprehensive examination in the field of library and information science, and satisfactory completion of a master's paper. For a list of required courses, highly recommended and recommended courses to become a Children and Young Adult Library Services Librarian, visit the Web site at: sils.unc.edu/programs/youth.

Application Requirements

To obtain application information please visit the Web site: sils.unc.edu/programs/graduate/admissions, call 919-962-7601 or send e-mail to info@ils.unc.edu.

Please note: Financial aid is typically available to qualified students who are accepted into a Master's Program.