

student profiles

Neil Donohue

LRC Deputy Manager
St Edward's College,
Liverpool

I had worked in academic libraries for over 18 months before beginning the PGDip in Information and Library Management. I really enjoyed my job and recognised that I wanted to pursue a career in the information sector - I knew this course would help me to achieve my ambition.

I chose the course at LJMU for a number of reasons. On a practical level, the ability to study on a part time basis meant I would be able to continue working whilst studying. The course content was also a significant factor, with a strong mixture of traditional skills such as cataloguing, combined with the opportunity to explore different information sectors and services.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my two years studying at LJMU - so much so I intend to return to complete the full Masters starting in September! The lecturers are approachable and always willing to offer advice. The assignments provide you with valuable practical experience, as well as theoretical knowledge which can be applied in the real world environment. Throughout your studies you have the opportunity to meet a range of people and there are plenty of opportunities for networking and making friends.

Jill Connolly

Children's Manager
Holt Jackson Book Company

I have always loved books, particularly Children's books, and was looking for a career in connection with this interest. The MA in Information and Library Management gave me that opportunity. Not only does the content cover such things as Cataloguing and Network management but you are also able to specify in which area of librarianship you are interested.

The work placement was a very important feature of the course as it gave you a taster for the career that you wanted. It also provided you with the perfect opportunity to do that important task of networking. The lecturers on the course are extremely helpful and supportive in helping you get through the course and beyond.

I now work as the Children's Manager for a national Library Supply company. This role has given me so many challenges and provided me with such valuable experience. I have created a brand for the department and compiled the strategy for the future. I am responsible for all the children's books which are bought every month and I consult with Librarians regularly on the needs for their libraries. I know that all of this has been helped by my time at Liverpool John Moores University and it has even allowed me to go back and lecture current students on the course about the ever changing world of Library Supply.

Lindsey Martin

eLearning Strategy
Development Manager
Edge Hill University

I came late to Library and Information Management as my first career was as a manager in the Civil Service. Returning to work after a career break, I worked as a part-time library assistant in an academic library and enjoyed it so much that in 1998 I signed up for the Postgraduate Diploma in Information and Library Management at LJMU.

I thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this programme and found its blend of 'real world' modules and assignments just what I needed to provide me with the relevant practical and theoretical knowledge and experience necessary for my first professional post in 1999 as a Subject Librarian at what was then Edge Hill College.

Since then, I have been promoted to Subject Team Co-ordinator and am a member of Learning Service's senior management team. I have enjoyed a very wide variety of working experiences within this role, most recently as the Research Co-ordinator for SOLSTICE (Edge Hill's centre of excellence in Teaching and Learning) and Learning Services, and am a Learning and Teaching Fellow in recognition of my work in teaching and researching Information and Digital Literacies. I have also developed supported online and blended learning courses for staff and students that has also seen me delivering papers regularly at national and international e-learning and library and information conferences.

I am about to take on a new role as Edge Hill University's first eLearning Strategy Development manager where my brief is to lead and co-ordinate the development and implementation of the University's eLearning strategies and associated activities. My wide range of experiences as an academic librarian, the professional development opportunities that it provided and my passion for information literacy and eLearning have all been key factors in enabling my career progression.



MA/MSc/Pg Diploma Information and Library Management

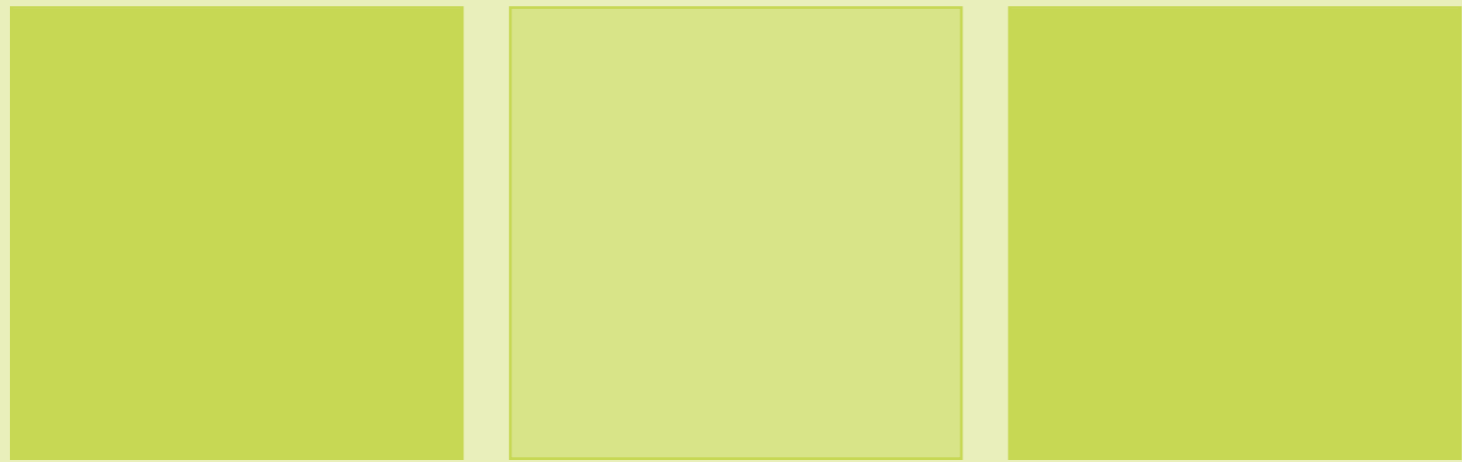
Full time and part time study

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Liverpool John Moores University





Information and Library Management at LJMU

- Become a key player in the information sector
- Enter a chartered profession
- Acquire professional skills
- Develop your potential
- Increase your employability

The Information and Library profession serves the information needs of public, private and voluntary sector organisations, and there is a requirement for skilled professionals in all these areas. Our MA/MSc/PGDiploma Information and Library Management programmes offer a rewarding career in a profession that is full of variety and opportunity.

The Information and Library Management programmes are accredited by the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP). These CILIP accredited programmes are recognised by both national and regional employers for the quality of our graduates.

You will engage in a stimulating programme of academic study, developing your skills in communication, problem solving, research and learning. We also offer you the opportunity to undertake a professional placement in a wide range of organisations including universities, colleges and schools, private and public organisations, businesses, and the voluntary sector.

Careful monitoring of market demand has led us to develop modules in subject areas such as information literacy, business information, health information, legal information, local studies and genealogy, records management, information rights, information architecture, network technologies and strategic information management. We also continue to build on our reputation for innovative teaching in more traditional areas such as cataloguing, classification, indexing, library systems management, information services for young people, research methods, information retrieval and collection management.

A feature of our Programmes is the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) stream. Throughout the year there will be timetabled CPD events, such as workshops, road shows, guest speakers and visits. These events provide insight into the Information and Library profession, linking theory to practice in preparation for the workplace.

Teaching facilities include dedicated information management laboratories as well as the University IT Suites. The LJMU Learning Resource Centres provide 24 hour availability to a wealth of information, and electronic resources can be accessed from home computers.

On joining the MA/MSc/PgDip Information and Library Management you will join fellow students to share ideas and develop professional skills. You will be assisted by an experienced and dedicated teaching staff with a commitment to the information profession. We look forward to welcoming you.

MA/MSc/Postgraduate Diploma Information and Library Management

Programme structure

The Masters Programmes comprise a taught stage and a dissertation. The taught stage has eight modules, each carrying 15 Masters credits. The first semester focuses on core learning for all students. Semester Two enables students to expand their knowledge and also provides topics in a range of option modules. Full time students attend the University on two days and part time students attend one day a week.

The Postgraduate Diploma is available on a part time basis over 2 academic years. The Masters dissertation can be studied part time after completion of the PG Diploma.

The three week professional placement takes place between semesters one and two. The programmes also comprise a Continuing Professional Development stream, which aims to encourage personal development, and includes timetabled events, road shows, guest speakers, and visits.

Fees

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Semester 1

Information Literacy
Information Organisation
Information Technologies
Research Methods

Semester 2

Records Management and Information Rights
Strategic Information Management
Information Services
OR
Network Resource Management (MSc Core)
Specialist Information Sources
OR
Information Architecture (MSc Core)

Semester 3

Masters Dissertation

Information Strategy Group

The Information Strategy Group, Liverpool Business School, is the focus for research and teaching in the information and library management subject discipline.

Our experienced team of academics continue to build on a long history of teaching information and library management at postgraduate level, and work closely with practitioners. Staff are friendly and approachable and design study to make it enjoyable and challenging.

We carry out quality funded research projects for government, the public sector and business, and our combination of teaching, research and enterprise enriches the quality of all activities, and, in particular, the relevance of our teaching.

Admission criteria

- A degree. Graduates from a range of subject disciplines are welcome to apply. Mature candidates are welcome.
- International applicants are required to have an IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent.
- Graduates with a subject relevant Postgraduate Diploma or CILIP Chartership may enter directly into the MA/MSc Dissertation module (which can be undertaken at a distance). However, those wishing to enter directly into the MSc dissertation module must have successfully undertaken modules similar to the MSc core modules for this Programme.
- Candidates with a degree in Information & Library Management plus at least 2 years professional experience may also apply for direct entry into the MA Dissertation module (which can be undertaken at a distance).

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