

Why become a librarian in 21st Century?

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Constraints facing librarians in Portugal # 1

- Few job opportunities
- Low salary
- Unattractive working conditions
- Low labour market mobility
- Almost no career progression
- Overqualification for type of work



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How can we establish that prominent position? # 2

- Innovate and transform the services we provide

"while the Industrial Revolution is profoundly modifying the living conditions of a large part of humanity, the library maintains its previous configuration and methods, in reality more or less the same as the Library of Alexandria." (Serrai, 1975)

- Improve our users' perception of our relevance

"If we cannot adequately explain what we do and why it is important, then the trend to downgrade library position requirements will continue and libraries really will be just buildings full of books." (Seminelli, 2016)

R e l i a b i l i t y i s o u r s t r e n g t h ! # 3

- 1.7. Not to allow any external interference that could prevent or hinder access to the information available on its services
- 1.8. Not to allow their personal opinions to interfere with the freedom of access to information.
- 1.9. Oppose the implementation of any technological solution that could limit or manipulate access to information.

source: *Código de Ética para os Profissionais de Informação*

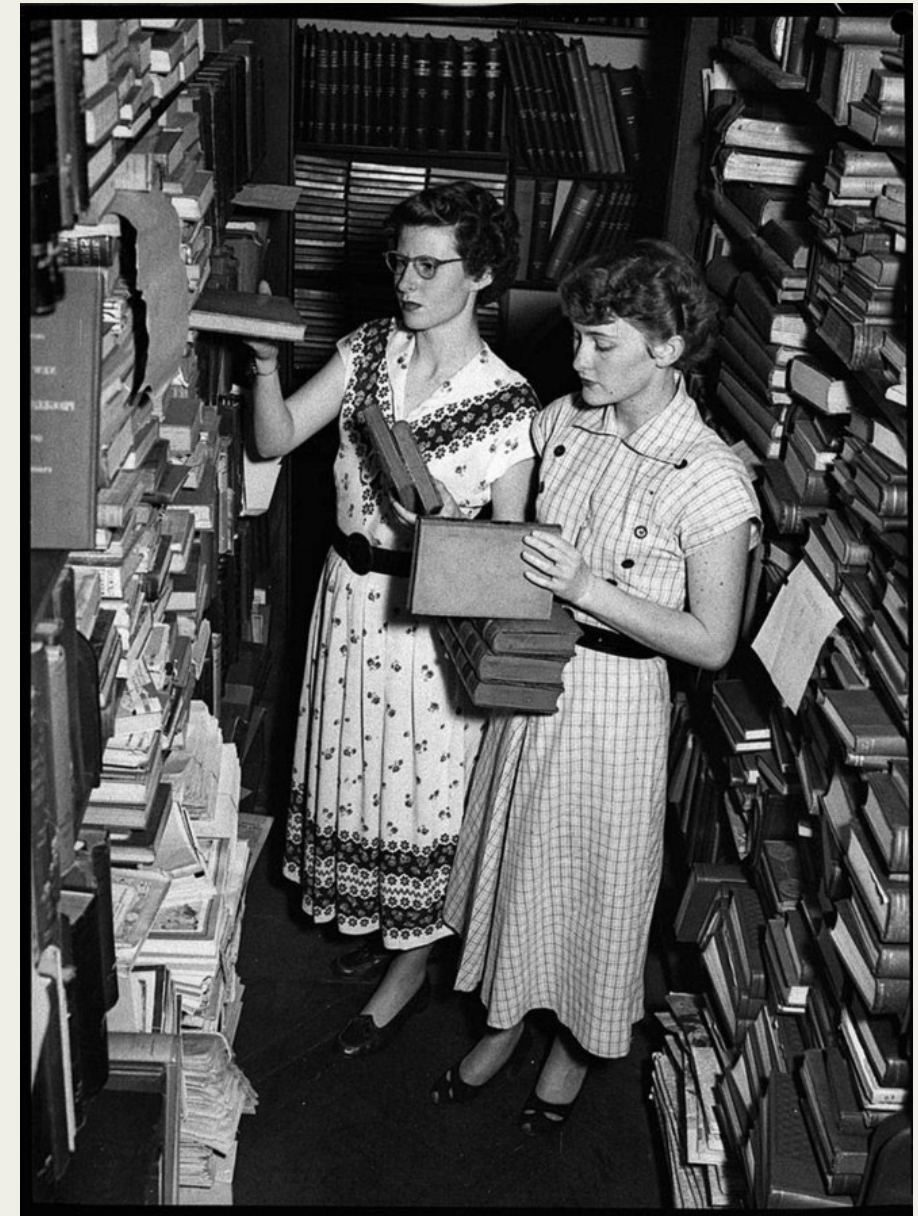


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W h a t i s a L i b r a r y ? # 4

“a growing organism” “supported by community,
stewarded by librarians, and dedicate to knowledge.”

(Ranganathan, 1933 ; David R. Lankes, 2015)



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Thank you!

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