#critlib 2016-11-01: academic libraries & the student loan crisis

Archive of the November 1, 2016 #critlib chat on academic libraries & the student loan crisis, moderated by @kevinseeber @modbrarian & @beccakatherine. For more info about #critlib, including past and future chats, visit http://critlib.org/

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**Kevin Seeber**
@kevinseeber

Readings and questions for next week’s #critlib are up! Join us at 9 p.m. eastern/8 central/7 mountain/6 pacific.critlib.org/student-loan-c...

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**Kevin Seeber**
@kevinseeber

Fodder for tomorrow’s #critlib chat, right here: twitter.com/greta/status/7...

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**Kevin Seeber**
@kevinseeber

Quick note about #critlib tomorrow: You don’t need to be an academic librarian to participate! Q's allow for responses from all lib people.

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**Rebecca Halpern**
@beccakatherine

Join us for a #critlib discussion tomorrow, everyone! twitter.com/kevinseeber/st...

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**Kevin Seeber**
@kevinseeber

Supplemental #critlib reading, especially for Q3. Join us tonight at 9 eastern/6 Pacific! twitter.com/insidehighered...
Violet Fox
@violetbfox

TONIGHT (Tues. 6pm Pacific/9pm Eastern): #critlib chat on student loan crisis! How can librarians make a difference? critlib.org/student-loan-c...

Kelly McElroy
@kellymce

Since I'll miss tonight's #critlib, I wrote a thing instead: kellymce.info/bloggy/2016/11... thx to @kevinseeber @beccakatharine @modbrarian as mods

Lisa Hinchliffe
@lisalibrarian

I too will miss so I'll just pile on w mention that student loan debt is crushing LIS workers too, esp given low salaries. #critlib twitter.com/kellymce/status...

Jamie Howe
@Gaymerbrarian

I want to follow the #critlib discussion tonight but based on my mini meltdown last week re: my loans maybe I should catch this one later

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber

Alright friends! Grab a stash of leftover Halloween candy, turn down the volume on the ballgame, and get ready for #critlib in 30 minutes.

James
@modbrarian

in 30 minutes, we can talk about how my $15,700 in student loans is relatively "good" because it's below average of my age peers. #critlib
Liz McGlynn Bellamy
@thelizbrarian

Acknowledging my utter mountain of student debt always makes me vomity; eager for commiseration/ideas for helping today’s students! #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Nicola Andrews
@maraebrarian

"POC have additional competencies that we carry in the workplace" #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Ali Cole
@tangerinerinds

$29,474.27 in the hole with one more semester to go! MLIS student/soon to be librarian ready for tonight’s #critlib critlib.org/student-loan-c... 

A YEAR AGO

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber

Hello and welcome to #critlib! Tonight we’re discussing the U.S. student loan crisis, and how libraries fit into the discussion.

A YEAR AGO

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber

We’ll have four questions tonight, coming from three moderators: @modbrarian, @beccakatharine, and me, @kevinseeber. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber

Each #critlib question will begin with the letter “Q,” e.g. “Q1,” “Q2,” and you can answer each by starting your tweet with “A1,” “A2,” etc.

A YEAR AGO
Kevin Seeber  
@kevinseeber

Fair warning, there might be some jargon tonight. To help with that, we have definitions on the #critlib website: critlib.org/student-loan-c...

Jamie Howe  
@Gaymerbrarian

For reference I did some quick math and I have ~$118k in loans. Most of that is interest. #critlib

Kevin Seeber  
@kevinseeber

This page on the #critlib site also has links to tonight's readings and questions, if you'd like to review them. critlib.org/student-loan-c...

Kevin Seeber  
@kevinseeber

If there are any additional terms or concepts you don't understand, please tweet @ one of the moderators and we'll try to help out! #critlib

Kevin Seeber  
@kevinseeber

Let's get started with introductions! Please tell us your name and a bit about yourself, and don't forget to include the #critlib hashtag.

Nicola Andrews  
@maraebrarian

@kevinseeber @modbrarian @beccakatharine - Hi, everyone! Thanks for hosting #critlib
Kevin here, I’m an academic instruction librarian in Denver, CO. Watching the ballgame in the background. #critlib

James
@modbrarian

Hi ya’ll. When I am not RT’ing @kevinseeber for this chat. I am James a ref/inst librarian working in Wisconsin. #critlib

Liz McGlynn Bellamy
@thelizbrarian

Hi #critlib! Liz, instruction librn in VA, reeling from my uni pres's oddly timely announcement that our budget may be cut by 7.5% for FY18!

Nicola Andrews
@maraebrarian

Hi! I'm a final-year MLIS candidate at UW in Seattle - I'm also in class right now so will mostly be lurking! Nice to meet you #critlib

Violet Fox
@violetbfox

Hi #critlib, I'm an academic cataloger in the middle of Minnesota. Let's go Cubs!!! 🐻⚾️

Lisa Hubbell
@lisahubbell

Hey #critlib Academic librarian in California. Finished MLIS 3 years ago, kid in undergrad now.
Justin de la Cruz
@justindlc

Hi #critlib I'm Justin: ref, instruction, emerging tech. Don't watch sports but my sister got me watching the world series...

A YEAR AGO

Rachel Lux Stott
@rachellux

Hi! Rachel here, Teaching & Learning Librarian in Denver. Lots of personal exp w/student loan debt. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Nancy Foasberg
@nfoasberg

Academic librarian in NYC here, lurking tonight. I’m super super lucky and was able to pay off all student loans #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Justin de la Cruz
@justindlc

I've got student loans! And opinions on student loans! #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Lydia Willoughby
@Willoughbrarian

Hey all y'all. I'm a ref/instruction librarian in the Hudson Valley. watching on the sidelines tonight while unpacking from a move #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Kelsey
@kelsinbklyn

Hi all! I'm a MSLIS candidate, and can definitely relate to tonight's topic #critlib

A YEAR AGO
Hi #critlib I'm drinking with @aasher @mauraweb @julezig in Arlington pic.twitter.com/HPflrv9vmG

ZOE FISHER @ZOH_ZOH · A YEAR AGO

Rachel Gammons
@rwgammons

Hello #critlib 🎥 I'm Rachel - academic librarian in DC area. Leader of MLIS students and teacher of FY students 😊

A YEAR AGO

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber

I really don't want to cross sportsball and #critlib, but that grand slam from Russell just now...

A YEAR AGO

Angela Cooke
@angelaacookhee

Hi #critlib! Current MSLIS student from Pratt here! much in debt and still a year to go!

A YEAR AGO
Hi everyone! Sorry for the delay, I'm Rebecca, a moderator tonight. Just finished my *first day* at a new job! #critlib

@beccakatharine
A YEAR AGO

Hi #critlib 🥰 @PrattInfoSchool MLIS student here, shoutout to @jessicahochman's #lis673 lit&instruction class

@tangerinerinds
A YEAR AGO

Hi #critlib. I'm an academic librarian in Hawaii. On-call to back up the student at the reference, so may be in and out.

@oksveta
A YEAR AGO

Hi! Kate Kitchens w/University of Dubuque. Thanks @beccakatharine @modbrarian & @kevinseeber for moderating! #critlib

@Infinity_Dots
A YEAR AGO

Hi #critlib. I'm Eamon, a reference and instruction librarian at a university in Brooklyn, NY

@EamonTewell
A YEAR AGO

We've got a lot to cover, so keep those introductions coming while we move on to the first #critlib question, coming from @modbrarian.

@kevinseeber
A YEAR AGO
James
@modbrarian
Q1: How is the student loan crisis affecting you, your library, and/or your campus? #critlib
A YEAR AGO

Violet Fox
@violetfox
Well my answer to Q1 of #critlib depresses/discourages the hell out of me, so I’m going to take all the joy from that Cubbies grand slam.
A YEAR AGO

manda pizzollo
@Mandapizzollo
Howdy #critlib. I'm a metadata intern and current LIS grad student in MA
A YEAR AGO

Caroline Hayden
@CarElizHay
Hello! Recent MLS grad from Maryland, currently interning at NPR. I have loans from grad school only, but it's quite enough. #critlib
A YEAR AGO

kendra werst
@werstgerl
MLS student @iusoic graduating in the Spring with student loans #critlib
A YEAR AGO

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@linds_bot
Hi, #critlib! I'm coming at you from #chs2016. Academic librarian (Houston-based) focused on collections.
A YEAR AGO
Nicola Andrews
@maraebrian

Q1. I dropped 1 class due to bereavement last year, & dropped below the FAFSA min credits. They will now only loan me $700 per qtr #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Tracydockray
@Tracydockray1

Hi Critlibbers. T Dockray Pratt LIS student. Cubs up by 7 #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Liz McGlynn Bellamy
@thelizbrarian

A1. Personally, obviously the aforementioned Mt. Debt. Also we have lots of first-gen students at MPOW, and I feel for them too. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Violet Fox
@violetbfox

A1. Total current balance of my loans from undergrad & grad: $82,535.18. Curtails my job options for sure... #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Melissa DeWitt
@Badgersssss

Hello! Current MLIS student with loans for grad school and undergrad (because why not both?) #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Lisa Hubbell
@lisahubbell

A1. Personally: Grateful for student loans opening door for second career, and for income based repayment. #critlib

A YEAR AGO
Denisse
@Luna_Dee

Hello #critlib I'm Denisse, copy cataloger in an academic lib but also an online MLIS student. Will mostly lurk and retweet

A YEAR AGO

Rebecca Halpern
@beccakatharine

@violetbfox Ouch- that's a lot! How does that inform your career choices? #critlib

A YEAR AGO

James
@modbrarian

A1: $15k+ in loans. will be at least 16 more years till my loans are paid off. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

manda pizzollo
@Mandapizzollo

A1, personally I just now expect 2 pay several hundred dollars a month on the same thing 4 the next 30 yrs (not a mortgage). #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Caroline Hayden
@CarElizHay

A1: I have loans, so it directly affects me. It's currently a struggle to find work that will pay enough to help paying that off. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

James
@modbrarian

A1: in Wisconsin 5 of the past 6 state budgets have cut funding to UW System. We've made up for it by raising tuition mostly. #critlib

A YEAR AGO
Rebecca Halpern
@beccakatharine

A1: In my practice, I try to be mindful to not call lib resources "free" - instead, say "included with your tuition" #critlib

A YEAR AGO

@brinepond

hi i am kelly and i am normally an archivist but right now i am a SALTY AF cleveland baseball supporter #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Violet Fox
@violetbfox

@beccakatharine Praying that public service loan forgiveness program will be around in 7 years. Have to stay eligible for that. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Ali Cole
@tangerinerinds

A1: Affects grad students so much - esp considering most internships are UNPAID & pretty much mandatory #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Tracydockray
@Tracydockray1

Pratt is being affected by changes in programming and teaching. Is cost a cause? #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Kate Kitchens
@infinity_Dots

I second @lisahubbell the public service loan forgiveness program is saving my ass!! #critlib

A YEAR AGO
Justin de la Cruz
@justindlc

Q1 (A1?) Student loans affect my & coworkers' morale (esp. lack of clarity on loans in general & public service forgiveness) #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Lisa Hubbell
@lisahubbell

A1: I work with grad students, mostly older. Many are in same boat as me, possibly reaching retirement before loans time out. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

manda pizzollo
@Mandapizzollo

& I don’t know what 2 say 2 students nemo, esp when they're thinking grad school. #critlib.

A YEAR AGO

Rachel Lux Stott
@rachellux

Q1: Me: figuring out PSLF & giving up a year+ of eligible payments after getting married to lower pymnts by filing joint tax rtrs #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Eamon Tewell
@EamonTewell

A1 Effects sometimes hard to see--society individualizes debt & frames it as one person's choices, making it harder to discuss #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Charissa Powell
@CharissaAPowell

Hi 📚 instruction/outreach librarian in Kansas. Semi participating semi lurking as I have a late night work event! #critlib

A YEAR AGO
Rebecca Halpern
@beccakatharine

A1 (cont): I think calling our resources/services "free" invisibilizes the huge sacrifice most students make to pay for school #critlib

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber

In Colorado, the state has continued to cut support for public higher ed. Nearly all services are financed by tuition (i.e. debt). #critlib

@brinepond

A1 i only have $20k in debt (woo yeah being poor pays off for once) but i am extremely underpaid and it is a Struggle #critlib

Justin de la Cruz
@justindlc

Students talk about finances & costs of college in general. I think like I did they are not thinking about the impact of loans yet. #critlib

Liz McGlynn Bellamy
@thelizbrarian

#critlib Honestly I think of the public service loan forgiveness as a myth...heard so many horror stories it’s hard to have faith in it

Lisa Hubbell
@lisahubbell

A1. Teen offspring transferring from private to public ed, partly not to rack up so many loans. #critlib
Rachel Lux Stott
@rachellux
Q1 my campus: probably in more ways than I know, but one BIG issue is Regent election-candidates w/diff stances on tuition/funds #critlib

@brinepond
also i do not work in the public sector so loan forgiveness = not an option #critlib

Melissa DeWitt
@Badgersssss
@tangerinerinds I'm super salty that I have to PAY for a mandatory internship to graduate. Wondering how long I can live on ramen #critlib

Rebecca Halpern
@beccakatharine
@Badgersssss @tangerinerinds Unpaid MANDATORY internships should be illegal #critlib

Nicola Andrews
@maraembrarian
I know people who won't go to school because of loans. I know people who won't get married because of student debt #critlib

Ashley Farley
@ashleymfarley
Q2. It would be amazing if libraries offered professional dev. or education funds. Would be great to put toward loans in 1st job. #critlib
Maggie Murphy
@maggiehm

Hi #critlib, I’m Maggie. I’m a community college instruction librarian in northwest GA.

Violet Fox
@violetbfox

A1. It’s hard for students to understand debt implications, but when there aren’t many options w/o college degree, what "choice" #critlib

kendra werst
@werstgerl

@tangerinerinds THIS #critlib I’m so tired of paying $$ for school credit for an unpaid internship

Liz McGlynn Bellamy
@thelizbrarian

A1 and like I said...7.5 damn percent less state support. Grrr #critlib

Rachel Lux Stott
@rachellux

@violetbfox @beccakatherine ditto! #critlib

Charissa Powell
@CharissaAPowell

A1) the obvious "I'm in a lot of student debt." My university has a first gen population of 50% and I often hear students #critlib 1/
Eamon Tewell
@EamonTewell

A1 The impacts of student loans & debt are material and spiritual, & disproportionately impacting students of color and first-gen #critlib

Justin de la Cruz
@justindlc

@beccakatharine true: I tend to bring up in classes how students' tuition money is put to work at the library - they like that #critlib

James
@modbrarian

@thelizbrarian we had to fight to get it down to like a 12% cut last budget. #critlib

Lisa Hubbell
@lisahubbell

A1. Cannot consider marriage because it would make both of us liable for my loans and each of our children’s tuition. #critlib

Nicola Andrews
@maraebrian

@ashleydfarley - Yes! In my experience it has not been easy to get funding, including for conferences I'm presenting at. #critlib

Charissa Powell
@CharissaAPowell

Stressed about how much college is costing them 2/2 #critlib
Maggie Murphy @maggiehm

A1: I have 170k (not a typo) in loans from undergrad and grad and it's severely limited my career and life choices #critlib

Kevin Seeber @kevinseeber

@werstgerl @tangerinerinds Paying for unpaid internships is inexcusable and disgusting. #critlib

Justin de la Cruz @justindlc

@thelizbrarian I want to believe... #critlib

lurknlearn @nancyeadams

Unpaid mandatory internships are the cash cow of academia (tuition dollars) AND likely against labor laws #critlib twitter.com/beccakatharine...

Sveta Stoytcheva @oksveta

MPOW is one of the more affordable public unis, but we still have a lot of students working full-time, etc + tuition is going up #critlib

Melissa DeWitt @Badgersssss

A1: I'll graduate with 70k in loans, but it was a necessary evil to pursue a career I would like. #critlib
@CharissaAPowell Do those students seem to have an "oh well" attitude - like loans are just part of the experience? #critlib

A YEAR AGO

James
@modbrarian

A1: I question how much we in the library make this connection to the student loan debt. We fought for resources, but self-serving. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

manda pizzollo
@Mandapizzollo

also, I wouldn’t have been able 2 undergrad if it was as is now & w/o schlshp. some parents rn’t comfortable filing out the fafsa #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Tracydockray
@Tracydockray1

State funding for tuition has dropped 21 percent over 30 years. Tuition costs show the rise. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Rebecca Halpern
@beccakatharine

On to Q2: What programming/resources are libraries providing to address the student loan crisis? What else could we be doing? #critlib

A YEAR AGO

James
@modbrarian

#critlib twitter.com/jayeldee/status...
@EamonTewell Yup even tho I live under a mountain of debt the diversity of my coworkers is limited by ability to make same choices #critlib

@rwgammons A1 many FY students I speak to equate "college" w/"ability to get job" and see debt as inevitable 😞 #critlib

@maraebrian What realistic advice and breakdown of FAFSA and loans do freshman or potential students get? #critlib

@kevinseeber A1: I received tuition waivers from my univ staff job, and got my MLIS debt free 7 yrs ago. Those waivers have since been ended. #critlib

@manda pizzollo @Mandapizzollo @Badgersssss so true! though I wish 'do what you love' didn’t mean compromise on everything else r/t money.. #critlib

@jayeldee sorry #critlib i forgot to introduce myself AND use the hashtag. I'm a librarian in a university in Ottawa, Ontario. Glad to catch you!
@EamonTewell yeah I was a 1st-gen student from a family with no financial literacy and got hosed by a predatory state loan program #critlib

A YEAR AGO

James
@modbrarian

omg, that's a thing! I didn't even know that was a thing. #critlib twitter.com/kevinseeber/st...

A YEAR AGO

A1 @julezig went into debt to stack these rye cocktails #critlib pic.twitter.com/rARZUDnpM1

ZOE FISHER @ZOH_ZOH · A YEAR AGO

@maraebrarian Can/should libraries do anything for making FAFSA more intelligible? (Q2 adjacent) #critlib

A YEAR AGO
Justin de la Cruz
@justindlc

@Mandapizzolo a great point - I had to work a bit to get info from my parents for FAFSA and had friends who had more trouble #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Lisa Hubbell
@lisahubbell

@modbrarian Say more. I think we're aware of ways to help save students money on textbooks. Are you getting at something else? #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Denisse
@Luna_Deep

This. #Critlib many POC I know don't want to take the risk of getting into debt when we earn so little as paraprofessionals. twitter.com/maraembrarian/s...

A YEAR AGO

Rebecca Halpern
@beccakatharine

Q2: What programming/resources are libraries providing to address the student loan crisis? What else could we be doing? #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber

@maraembrarian Students should get entrance counseling (required by DOE) before taking Fed loans, though quality varies #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Rachel Gammons
@rwgammons

A2 financial literacy is directly tied to info literacy - as academic libs we need to partner with our colleagues in k12/public #critlib

A YEAR AGO
Liz McGlynn Bellamy
@thelizbrarian
@beccakatherina @maraebrarian Could def see some financial literacy/info literacy connections here #critlib

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber
@modbrarian Absolutely a privilege that has since been ended. I got in just under the wire. #critlib

@brinepond
A2 man i don't even know. unless libraries are like giving me cold cash i dunno what they're gonna do programming-wise #critlib

Lisa Hubbell
@lisahubbell
@beccakatherina @maraebrarian Great idea. I can just see the FAFSA LibGuide, or collaborating w FA office on workshops. #critlib

lurknlearn
@nancyeadams
A1 I have no student loans but stay @ MPOW when I might like to leave, due to 75% tuition break for 2 young sons. Narrows options #critlib

Caroline Hayden
@CarElizHay
I know @ least pub. lib. have resources abt. scholarships & FAFSA (I'm sure academic lib. do too). 1/2 #critlib
Nicola Andrews
@maraembrarian

@beccakatharine I would love a workshop, at least. As a 1st-gen student and an immigrant, the whole system confuses me - & others! #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Eamon Tewell
@EamonTewell

@rwgammons higher ed being pushed as commodity/credential to get a job is a BIG factor in student debt #critlib

A YEAR AGO

James
@modbrarian

A2: We do a series on library blog called Money Smart Mondays. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Rebecca Halpern
@beccakatharine

A2: Many libraries have started investigating/implementing OER policies at their univ. to lower $$ burden on Ss #critlib

A YEAR AGO

manda pizzollo
@Mandapizzollo

A2: #OER advocacy & resources which r of utmost import, not jst 4 their own cost value, but bc of the change they rep. in pedagogy #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksjeta

My MSLIS was largely funded by GA tuition waivers, stipend not enough to cover fees+living expenses, so more still took out loans #critlib twitter.com/kevinseeber/st...
Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber

A2: My academic library lends wifi hotspots for students w/out home internet access. Small but effective assistance. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

James
@modbrarian

A2: also do most programming with campus financial literacy councilor in the library. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Rebecca Halpern
@beccakatharine

@EamonTewell @rwgammons Yep - sometimes I wonder if we should do more about alternative paths to employment (like vocatl training) #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Charissa Powell
@CharissaAPowell

@beccakatharine Not in what I've heard! They seem to be very aware of the amount they're taking on 😊 #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Jennifer Dekker
@jayeldee

A2 #critlib colleagues are participating in this event tomorrow: cfsontario.ca/campaigns/figh... Canadian Federation of Students Fight the Fees day

A YEAR AGO

Justin de la Cruz
@justindlc

@kevinseeber tuition reimbursements via working at public libraries or universities are so different everywhere, very strange #critlib

A YEAR AGO
Ali Cole
@tangerinerinds
A2: Grad student thankful for professors who do not require textbooks but utilize the variety of databases via the library #critlib

Caroline Hayden
@CarElizHay
I would have liked more workshops, or @ least more promos for them. Workshops like coding and other helpful work skills. 2/2 #critlib

Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta
@kevinseeber @maraembrarian In my experience, this was just an online training module #critlib

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber
A2.2: We're also actively consulting w/ faculty to push OER adoption across campus. Tall hill to climb, and slow, but could be huge #critlib

Eamon Tewell
@EamonTewell
@jayeldee 100%! that individualization is clear as ever in the selling of higher ed as job credential #critlib

Nicola Andrews
@maraembrarian
A2. Course reserves are so helpful! #critlib
Phd student in Md. joining #critlib late but want to echo comments about OERs & library resources. Every bit counts.

A YEAR AGO

reading #critlib q1 answers makes me thankful my grad school was dirt-cheap

A YEAR AGO

#critlib twitter.com/thelizbrarian/...

A YEAR AGO

I'd like to see more schols for potential libs w marginalized identities that fully fund tuition @ lib schl. #critlib twitter.com/beccakatharine...

A YEAR AGO

A2: subquestion. do other people have a person at their institution who does financial literacy, probably outside of the library? #critlib

A YEAR AGO

@justindlc Yeah, state of FL waived 6 hrs/semester, 3 sems/yr. i.e. I knocked out my 36 hours in two years. Only cost was books. #critlib

A YEAR AGO
#critlib - State funding for tuitions has been reduced 21% over more than 20 years and tuition cost show this.

A YEAR AGO

Melissa DeWitt
@digersssss

A2: Can libraries provide resources for students to find and apply to local scholarships and grants? So much money goes unclaimed. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Rachel Lux Stott
@rachellux

@oksveta @kevinseeber @maracbrarian & then, what's the comprehension? I know I didn't understand implications of loan debt at 18 #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Ali Cole
@tangerinerinds

@EamonTewell @rwgammons Four years of job searching convinced me that my BA in Sociology was useless for more than min wage #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Nicola Andrews
@maracbrarian

One of my big "culture shock" moments was realizing that quarterly tuition was due at the time of registration. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Violet Fox
@violetbfox

A2. As front-facing staff who often see students' struggles, do we have a responsibility to communicate to admin re: debt burden? #critlib

A YEAR AGO
@brinepond

as a first-gen student it is incredibly weird to hear colleagues talk about you in the abstract #critlib

@justindlc

A2 we (academic lib) do a big thing for money smart week / financial lit... but it's general budget & credit stuff not loans #critlib

@Mandapizzollo

A2: also, support our public libraries, & 4 state inst. our open 2 the public services! resources shouldn't jst b 4 academics... #critlib

@EamonTewell

A2 More of what libraries are here to do: promote openness and share resources. Create textbook affordability initiatives, OERs #critlib

@oksjeta

Ss here started a textbook library, totally separate from the library. It points at something we *should* be doing, but aren't #critlib

@amelish

@modbrarian I confuse student resources w lib employee ones sometimes but I think we have a university-wide office. #critlib
A2 financial literacy is #infolit - more resources around budgeting, personal finance, etc #critlib

@oksvea does your library not do textbook reserves? or is this something different #critlib

@maraebrarian 100% agree. Textbooks are so expensive & most fin. aid is going to tuition, room & board now, not school supplies. #critlib

@Mandapizzollo Hear hear! Academ libs. have so much potential for collab w/ public libs, who likely already engage w/ finacl lit. #critlib

A2. I recently heard of a librarian who went around their campus library discreetly putting out pamphlets for food assistance. #critlib

@zoh_zoh Can you say more? is financial lit #infolit? What would those resources be? #critlib
@kevinseeber @justindlc UH has a similar benefit some employees, inc. faculty, but not for every bargaining unit #critlib

@lisahubbell That happened to a friend. They got married soon after her daughter graduated. Couldn’t afford to do otherwise! #critlib

I think there’s a HUGE need for financial literacy instruction, and FA offices don’t have staff/resources to focus on teaching. #critlib

Relevant. #critlib twitter.com/rgay/status/79...

@brinepond @oksveta MANY libraries don’t collect textbooks. At last place we couldn’t even if wanted to, bc of bkstore contract #critlib

More info here: pueolibrary.com #critlib twitter.com/oksveta/status...
Charissa Powell
@CharissaAPowell

A2) the programming librarian in me would love to do financial literacy workshops 📚 #critlib
twitter.com/beccakatharine...

Maggie Murphy
@maggiehm

@kevinseeber Or the spaces! #critlib I know we're sick of library as space but we do have the
spaces for those workshops.

James
@modbrarian

@thelizbrarian @brinepond @oksveta #critlib we have a system wide Collection Development
Policy against buying textbooks.

Violet Fox
@violetbfox

@Luna_Dee Yes, I see part of mitigation efforts debt for IIS is investigating credit for work
experience. I was parapro for 7 yrs. #critlib

James
@modbrarian

ok, time to move on to our 3rd question of the night everyone. #critlib

James
@modbrarian

Q3: Many factors in higher ed have contributed to the present situation. In what ways, if any, are
academic libraries implicated? #critlib
Charissa Powell
@CharissaAPowell

A2) my library has a textbook lending program that helps a bit #critlib
twitter.com/beccakatharine...

Maura Smale
@mauraweb

In awe of @zoh_zoh doing #critlib and here at the conference. #madskills

Lisa Hubbell
@lisahubbell

@EamonTewell @rwgammons Especially predatory for-profits. Glad to see strikedebt.org
buying out some student debt. #critlib

Rachel Gammons
@rwgammons

A2.2 also opportunities for partnerships w/student affairs, libs have got to work with folx across
the aisle to support students #critlib

Eamon Tewell
@EamonTewell

A2 I like the idea of campus food pantries. Provides needed support, destigmatizes lack of $,
draws attn to college affordability #critlib

Kate Crowe
@kcrowe

This is still a thing @ some unis. ALSO I got part reimburs from mpow (Univ of KS) even tho
they didn't have a lib schl. #critlib twitter.com/kevinseeber/st...
Tracydockray
@Tracydockray1

Pratt does offer various MLIS scholarship and paid internships to defray cost. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Ali Cole
@tangerinerinds

#critlib twitter.com/tangerinerinds...

A YEAR AGO

Rebecca Halpern
@beccakatharine

A3: Big, obvious one is decades of paying whatever cost for databases, no matter how much they increase #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Maggie Murphy
@maggiehm

A2: We know students deal with email overload and miss important communication about fin aid apps and grant/scholarship deadlines #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Jamie Howe
@Gaymerbrarian

I'm gonna be a devil advocate. A2: is it actually library responsibility to do financial literacy outreach? #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Eamon Tewell
@EamonTewell

@lisahubbell @rwgammons I was thinking about Strike Debt earlier today but couldn't remember the name! ty! #critlib

A YEAR AGO
Ashley Farley
@ashleydfarley
The options for tuition waiver library student jobs is quite rare. I was really lucky. This should be the norm not a rare chance. #critlib

Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta
@brinepond We do, but usually the textbooks are professors’ personal copies & it is not systematic: up to the faculty to request #critlib

Lisa Hubbell
@lisahubbell
@maraebrarian Yes. I try to get multiple copies. Our classes are small, but often more than one student relies on reserves. #critlib

Rebecca Halpern
@beccakatharine
@Gaymerbrarian Good question! Maybe not, but we are teachers/resource builders, etc. so should probably work with folks who are #critlib

Jamie Howe
@Gaymerbrarian
I mean yes we want to help Ss as much as we can. But does that job live in the library. #critlib

@brinepond
@modbrarian @thelizbrarian @oksveta wwwweird. this is from the library i used to work at library.wayne.edu/services/reser... #critlib
A2 my library collaborated with student advisory board to do this launch.umd.edu/project/2023 #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Jamie Howe
@Gaymerbrarian

My personal feelings are "if not us then who" because the "who" is more HE administration, and like, idk which bothers me more #critlib

A YEAR AGO

manda pizzollo
@Mandapizzollo

@maraembrarian need outreach libs 2 get in on that, & figure out a way as community members to know resources/how 2 find & share #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Justin de la Cruz
@justindlc

A3 Any money thrown out by academic libraries contributes; big database spending has already been mentioned... #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber

A3: My biggest concern is the staggering increase in journal subscriptions that correspond with the debt bubble. Debt paid for it. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta

yes! for us, some lis student positions had tuition waivers, lots didn't... work or number of hours did not vary much #critlib twitter.com/ashleydfarley/...

A YEAR AGO
@modbrarian @thelizbrarian @oksveta faculty can also choose to put items on reserve
library.wayne.edu/services/reserv... #critlib

@jayeldee good point. having lunch taken care of doesn't solve larger problems. no campus
discussion abt issues food pantry raises? #critlib

@jayeldee A2 #critlib i forgot, my union gives scholarships, hundreds of them. i email every student who's
email me in the last year to tell them

@Gaymerbrarian I'm gonna lurk more but it is possible to view this as "one more library responsibility with the
same time/money budget" #critlib

@violetbfox Yes. Colleagues are often surprised when I mention that students who save money
on books spend it on food. #critlib

@Gaymerbrarian Yeah, that's a huge question. My concern is that lots of other offices aren't
paying attention, and we are. #critlib
Kate Kitchens
@Infinity_Dots

@EamonTewell we have a food pantry at UD! & a place for free coats & clothing. I think it's a great way to support students. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Rachel Lux Stott
@rachellux

A3 accepting ridiculous vendor contract prices for packages that incl unused content; not tracking duplicate subs #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Liz McGlynn Bellamy
@thelizbrarian

@brinepold @modbrarian @oksleta Fac could put txt on reserve. bookstore thing also bled into #OER stuff...just bad vibes all round #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Rebecca Halpern
@beccakatharine

A3: Another way acad. libs are implicated is having policies against purchasing textbooks (as at my former POW). #critlib

A YEAR AGO

lurknlearn
@nancyeadams

A3 lots of higher level administrators (which is also the issue in HE at large) #critlib

A YEAR AGO

James
@modbrarian

yes, at my work too. #critlib twitter.com/beccakatharine...

A YEAR AGO
Caroline Hayden
@CarElizHay

A3: In addition to not negotiating prices & contracts enough, maybe we don’t collaborate w/ each other enough? Share resources. #critlib

James
@modbrarian

my subtweet of this. Librarian training in contract negotiating. Not our area of expertise, but so vital to keep costs down. #critlib twitter.com/rachellux/stat...

Josh
@NeoMediaLuddite

@brinepond @modbrarian @thelizbrarian @oksveta same at my institution. I've always encouraged students to organize a textbook co-op #critlib

Justin de la Cruz
@justindlc

A3 Could remaining silent about unnecessary campus expenditures also implicate us in academic libraries? #critlib

manda pizzollo
@Mandapizzollo

gotta jet, so jumping- A4: I don’t know, but hope it doesn’t continue 2 be just go all online & pay online teachers less! #critlib

Rebecca Halpern
@beccakatharine

A3: Speaking from own experiences, acad. libs probably implicated by not working closely enough with community resources (CCs, PLs) #critlib
A2. MA offers LSTA grants for financial literacy; could be used for student support. & @SomervillePL has an income inequality group #critlib

@lisahubbell @violettfx In college I cashed out my financial-aid funded meal plan so I could buy my books (and then had no food) #critlib

I'm not going #fullgreta, but I question some of the reno/construction projects. We spent a lot of $$$ on stuff Ss don't want/need #critlib

see y'all later when I review the chat, sorry gotta run! holler. #critlib

@maraebbrarian Makes me think overall how varied the student experience is. Some really struggle to cover costs while others don’t. #critlib

A3 by perpetuating unpaid internships, contingent positions, and staff/faculty divide within our own profession 👦‍♀️ #critlib
James
@modbrarian
@kevinseeber lol at #fullgreta #critlib
A YEAR AGO

Violet Fox
@violetbfox
A3. Given lower contributions by states for ed. funding & the ridiculous amount of $ spent on sports I don’t feel bad about libs. #critlib
A YEAR AGO

Josh
@NeoMediaLuddite
@brinepond @modbrarian @thelizbrarian @oksveta offer an exchange or short term loan. Some students cant afford all their textbooks. #critlib
A YEAR AGO

Rebecca Halpern
@beccakatharine
YES!! RT @justindl A3 Could remaining silent about unnecessary campus expenditures also implicate us in academic libraries? #critlib
A YEAR AGO

Zoe Fisher
@zoh_zoh
me rn: is that guy's name really "Coco Crisp"? Really?? #critlib
A YEAR AGO

@brinepond
A3 well if greta van susteren has anything to do with it's all these palatial libraries we keep building #critlib
A YEAR AGO
A3 (cont). It's like feeling bad about taking a minute-longer shower when agriculture use of water is tremendous. #critlib

A3. Focusing on recruitment and not student retention. #critlib

@modbrarian @kevinseeber I got my MLIS almost free because of tuition reimbursement benefits through my union #critlib

Q1. The risk of student loans makes me hesitate to advocate library school to prospective students. Costs seem harder to justify. #critlib

A3 internship culture in HE today making it nec. for SS to forgoe paid work for exp. #critlib

I guess my issue is that libs where I've worked, we called it "the library's money" not "money we took from students to buy stuff." #critlib
lurklearn  
@nancyeadams

Yes! Can we please stop with the unpaid internships in libraries? #critlib twitter.com/rwgammons/stat...

Lisa Hubbell  
@lisahubbell

@Gaymerbrarian Not in library job descriptions, but it is sharing ed resources + a basic way to advocate for social justice. #critlib

Liz McGlynn Bellamy  
@thelizbrarian

I will say I've worked in places with excellent sharing programs. @nclive, @bpl, VIVA #critlib twitter.com/CarElizHay/sta...

Kevin Seeber  
@kevinseeber

This is a huge, huge issue in higher education. #critlib twitter.com/maraebarian/s...

lurklearn  
@nancyeadams

You heard of this, right? Critics question spending librarian's donation on scoreboard #critlib ihenow.com/2exUSiU

Sveta Stoytcheva  
@oksveta

Likely many of us (also instructional faculty) aren't involved enough in campus advocacy around cost of edu issues. #critlib
Callan @eminencefont

A3. could happily talk y'all's ears off about how this is true for public libs too, but that might be outta scope #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Maggie Murphy @maggiehm

@kevinseeber And then when we won't buy their textbooks but we will buy this cool 3D-printer with hazy academic applications...? #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Rebecca Halpern @beccakatharine

@eminencefont I’d love to hear more about that! #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Violet Fox @violetbfox

@eminencefont Please share! In what ways?? #critlib

A YEAR AGO

James @modbrarian

@maggiehm @kevinseeber why lower costs to students when we can buy this cool treadmill desk? #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Liz McGlynn Bellamy @thelizbrarian

@amelish @CarElizHay @nclive is fave--cooperatively purchased DBs, goes beyond consortial book purchasing. Pub libs involved too! #critlib

A YEAR AGO
do it! see previous tweets about partnerships #critlib twitter.com/eminencefont/s...

@amelish

Nicola Andrews
@maraebrian

A3. Student jobs that are min wage, no benefits, no tuition waiver #critlib

@rachellux

@modbrarian at prev lib we had to cut 7.5% from coll budget. couldn't believe the waste uncovered when searching for subs to cut #critlib

@IreneKorber

@thelizbrarian @nclive @bpl @CarElizHay CSU is working on implementing new unified lib mgmt system to search all 23 catalogs @ once #critlib

@kevinseeber

Alright #critlib, keep it going! We’re coming up on Q4, which I know hits close to home for a lot of our colleagues currently in grad school

@beccakatherine

Q3: not being strong enough advocates on our campuses for students and social justice issues (lots of reasons why that is, too) #critlib
Q4: Speaking of loans, what can libraries, librarians, and grad programs do about reducing the cost of an MLIS? #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta

There's a lot of showing up to meetings, using what leverage we do have to speak out, etc that doesn't happen for various reasons #critlib twitter.com/oksveta/status...

A YEAR AGO

Rebecca Halpern
@beccakatharine

A4: END UNPAID MANDATORY INTERNSHIPS!!! FOREVERRRRR #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Lisa Hubbell
@lisahubbell

@Mandapizzollo Amen to that! #critlib

A YEAR AGO

tracy dockray
@dockray_tracy

Pratt has helped defray tuition costs by offering LIS scholarships and helping to seek paid internships. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber

@maggiehm GUH. This is sooooooooooooooooooooo on point. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta

@eminencefont ooh interested in hearing this #critlib

A YEAR AGO
Caroline Hayden
@CarElizHay

@thelizbrarian I wonder though, do libraries do this out of funding necessity or b/c it's great for Ss and community? #critlib

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber

@eminencefont Yes, please share! #critlib

Rachel Gammons
@rwgammons

A3.2 having crucial services (i.e. ref) available during OUR working hours - creating barriers for patrons w/jobs, families, etc #critlib

amelish
@amelish

@oksвета yup. maybe we are exhausted with shared governance or idk what #critlib

Liz McGlynn Bellamy
@thelizbrarian

THIS is where acad politics makes me so angry. Our position is already so tenuous, even though we’re Ss-centered cant rock the boat #critlib twitter.com/beccakatharine...

Violet Fox
@violetbfox

For A4, please see @little_wow’s series of tweets from earlier today, too! twitter.com/little_wow/sta... #critlib
Hi late to the convo - I’m a librarian at CSU, Chico #critlib

A4 direct action towards making higher education free for all #critlib

@CarElizHay Oh, almost definitely the former. #critlib

A4: Until tuition comes down, create jobs for MLIS Ss with decent living wages. I had to fight, but got $16/hr for GA's in my dept. #critlib

@thelizbrarian right?! & I get why we don’t/can't always do it, but I'd like to think of ways to strengthen our position here #critlib

A4 more tuition waivers for grad work; mine was negated because I went to lib schol out of state and had to make up the diff #critlib
@zoh_zoh I think financial literacy promotes idea of higher ed=$. At same time, ignoring the $ is often to detriment of students #critlib

@maraebriarian My point being that financial aid, tuition, student jobs, need to think about equity not equality. #critlib

Want to make sure people see @kellymce's great blog post on this topic as well! twitter.com/kellymce/statu... #critlib

Ok! A3.1 states including MA require library directors in communities of certain sizes (i.e., 10k+) to get an MLS/MLIS #critlib

@Gaymerbrarian not our responsibility per se but if students need it and we have the resources then no reason not to #critlib

A4: @DrexelUniv does co-op program for undergrad, but would be cool to see in some way in MLS programs. drexel.edu/difference/co-... #critlib
Maggie Murphy
@maggiehm

A4: Would never happen, but I’d like to see free credits towards awarded MLIS degrees awarded to parapros with years of experience #critlib

James
@modbrarian

A4: If your uni has an MLIS program, is it too much to have all your student lib workers be people in the MLIS program? #critlib

Rebecca Halpern
@beccakatharine

A4: Create programs where MLIS is shortened for folks who’ve been working in libraries for a while #critlib

Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta

master’s programs are oft major revenue generators for universities and there is expectation for programs to bring in tuition $$ #critlib twitter.com/kevinseeber/st...

Rachel Gammons
@rwgammons

A4 HIRE ENTRY LEVEL CANDIDATES #critlib

Eamon Tewell
@EamonTewell

@zoh_zoh there was a great presentation at CAPAL 2015 on this...can't find full text but abstract is here: capalibrarians.org/wp/wp-content/... #critlib
Rebecca Halpern
@beccakatharine

@maggiehm Hey, we're thinking alike here! YES! Tuition credits or hell, even COURSE credits. #critlib

James
@modbrarian

A4: Seize the means of production. #critlib 😊

Maggie Murphy
@maggiehm

A4: Like AP credit (in terms of credits awarded but no tuition charged), but experience-based, and on the grad level #critlib

Irene Korber
@IreneKorber

@EamonTewell Implement! Implement! Ours is going really well thus far. Library is an excellent drop off location too #critlib

amelish
@amelish

@CarElizHay I think UBC does co-op for Canadians. Remember seeing that when looking at schools - maybe still true. #critlib

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber

@beccakatharine That is a great idea! #critlib
tracy dockray
@dockray_tracy

Could destigmatizing online courses help students to find education there at more reasonable cost? #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Callan
@eminencefont

A3.2 in MA at least, there are TONS of small towns that compensate absurdly low because their municipal budgets are miniscule #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Kate Kitchens
@Infinity_Dots

A4 I agree @rachellux more PAships and TAships w/tuition remission. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Nicola Andrews
@maraebrian

A4. Financial literacy workshops that aren't condescending. Waive SIG/Prof Membership fees, conference fees 4 presenting students #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber

There it is! #critlib twitter.com/modbrarian/sta...

A YEAR AGO

Liz McGlynn Bellamy
@thelizbrarian

Is it stigma or program quality? Or both? #critlib twitter.com/dockray_tracy/...

A YEAR AGO

Rebecca Halpern
@beccakatharine

A4: @maraebrian ughhh don't get me started on ALA and ACRL fees. #critlib

A YEAR AGO
Justin de la Cruz
@justindlc

A4 advocate for the formation and maintenance of graduate student unions #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta

@amelish yeah & it is one more (seemingly voluntary) thing on top of too much work. need to reframe as professional responsibility. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Irene Korber
@IreneKorber

@nfoasberg @thelizbrarian @nclive @bpl @CarElizHay really excited to roll it out... hoping faculty are too *fingers crossed* #critlib

A YEAR AGO

lurknlearn
@nancyeadams

@rwgammons IKR? It's always "experience, experience." But I was entry level once and PRETTY DAMN GOOD #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Denisse
@Luna_Deel

#critlib Experience for course credit, not paying for the internship req, have libs support grad stud thru flex time/financial&othr support. twitter.com/kevinseeber/st...

A YEAR AGO

Caroline Hayden
@CarElizHay

A4: Also, raising hour limits on student jobs. Why could I only work 20 hrs/wk @ school? This is school-wide, though. #critlib

A YEAR AGO
@beccakatharine YES #critlib

A3.3 we want small libs to consolidate so one professional librarian compensated fairly can be in charge of a given association #critlib

#critlib - google.com/maps/d/viewer?

A4. More class waivers for those who can demonstrate direct library experience. #critlib

A4: Provide more campus assistance: housing stipends/info, financial resources... answering my emails about advising would help too #critlib

@oksveta Maybe fewer ppl are motivated by service than I thought, esp on this issue. Don't see how it applies to them, let it slide #critlib
Maggie Murphy
@maggiehm

@beccakatharine Yes! Master's programs are university cash cows so this would be a difficult fight #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Ali Cole
@tangerinerinds

@beccakatharine I have classmates who use their lib jobs as "independent study" courses for credit - but the credits still cost $$ #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber

@maggiehm Yeah, that was me. Was FT parapro for several years before/during/after MLIS. Learned much more OTJ than in class. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Rachel Lux Stott
@rachellux

@kevinseeber @beccakatharine yeah! if law schools can offer expedited programs, surely lib schools can, too! #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Rebecca Halpern
@beccakatharine

A4: I'd even love to see MLIS programs that would help with finding partner's employment, or childcare expenses #critlib

A YEAR AGO

kendra werst
@werstgerl

@modbrarian Yes, we have a Digitization/Preservtn initiative on campus that should be strictly hiring MLIS students but they don’t. #critlib

A YEAR AGO
@justindlc yesssss thank you #critlib

A YEAR AGO

b/c of this (.faces), it’s hard to imagine meaningful change w/o dramatic reform of what librarian training looks like. #critlib twitter.com/oksveta/status...

A YEAR AGO

#Critlib conferences are another part of the prob. So expensive, even w/student rates twitter.com/maracbrarian/s...

A YEAR AGO

@amelish @oksveta at least where service crosses into TT: may not be viable to put resources into something that isn’t a CV line #critlib

A YEAR AGO

@dockray_tracy My online classes actually had added technology fees that made them more expensive at Rutgers! #critlib

A YEAR AGO

@modbrarian I think we need to make these jobs more inviting, though. Not enough MLIS students applied for where I worked. #critlib

A YEAR AGO
Rachel Gammons
@rwgammons

A4.1 As hiring managers, we can help fix this. Advertise for entry-level positions. Advocate salary for your staff. Be good people. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Liz McGlynn Bellamy
@theilizbrarian

@kevinseeber @maggiehm don’t get me started on how much more valuable it was for me to get paid to learn OTJ than to pay for prog #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Callan
@eminencefont

A3.4 not the reality at present. So we get ppl w/ $50k+ degrees making $20-30k per year, possibly cobbling many jobs together #critlib

A YEAR AGO

James
@modbrarian

@Luna_Dee I didn’t attend my first lib conference until summer of 2015. I graduated with my MLIS in 2012. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber

@CarElizHay My uni has a hard limit of 25 hrs/week because of ACA. They refuse to pay for health care for hourly workers, which... #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Denisse
@Luna_De

@thelizbrarian @dockray_tracy Personal op: my prog lacks the quality. Not all MLIS programs are created equal. Wish I knew that b4 #critlib

A YEAR AGO
@amelish @oksveta I'm not criticizing your point not excusing inaction, just that I hesitate to draw conclusions here bc pressures #critlib

@rwgammons and don't just *advertise* for entry-level, *only hire* entry-level for those positions #critlib

@CarElizHay I can only work 29 hours but I would work more if I could. #critlib #peanuts

A4. Part-time workers, what are your hourly caps? Mine are 19, and 19.5, because benefits are mandatory at 20. #critlib

A4.3 Give MLIS autonomy and ownership over projects. Treat them like professionals. Give space to build skills. Pay it forward. #critlib

@Luna_De We technically have "assistance" for conferences, but you have to pay first and can only receive $250 reimbursement max. #critlib
Justin de la Cruz
@justindlc

@kevinseeber @maggiehm A4 #critlib Agreed. Also/or testing out of classes/credits. Would’ve easily tested out of intro web dev or w/e it was

A YEAR AGO

Callan
@eminencefont

A3.5 and these are DIRECTORS we’re talking about. so the problem carries down throughout the org chain #critlib

A YEAR AGO

amelish
@amelish

--> better lib school exp for those w the background? focus on theory, ethics, exploratory work, no rehashing the basics you know #critlib twitter.com/maggiehm/status...

A YEAR AGO

ariana
@aripants

hey #critlib! sorry I missed most of this chat, just got home from guest-speaking at a rez life event. will def be catching up on the convo!

A YEAR AGO

Ashley Farley
@ashleydfarley

@maraebrian So true!! Those in financial need can expertly craft a budget & are perfectly frugal already. We need more. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Rebecca Halpern
@beccakatharine

SADLY, our time is just about up, so two orders of #critlib business. First, would anyone like to volunteer to Storify tonight’s chat?
Impt FYI for #critlib students/recent grads, you can get ALA student rate for up to 5 years, even post-grad

A YEAR AGO

A4. SJSU has strong career center for students and grads, helped a lot w resumes, interview prep, tracking down jobs. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

@EamonTewell we've paired with our campus student learning center to offer more variety in workshops. Finances included. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

@Gaymerbrarian @oksveta No this is all real! Priorities have to be set somehow. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

@CarElizHay Full time grad student - I work as a GA 15 hr/wk limit & also ironically for a collection agency 25+ hrs/wk #critlib

A YEAR AGO

don't understand how the #critlib discussion rn is anything other than 1) close a bunch of library schools + 2) only fund diverse students

A YEAR AGO
Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta

#critlib if this were the "standard" path into the field, I would be supportive. Esp if employee tuition benefits were more common twitter.com/kevinseeber/st...

A YEAR AGO

Maggie Murphy
@maggiehm

@werstgerl @justindlc @kevinseeber She's probably literally more qualified than the person who taught my archives class #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Rebecca Halpern
@beccakatharine

I promise Storyify-ing isn't too bad! :) #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Rebecca Halpern
@beccakatharine

Second, let's hear your #critpitch! What should #critlib people know about? What events are coming up? What needs some help or awareness?

A YEAR AGO

Lisa Hubbell
@lisahubbell

A4. Really appreciate free unconferences and low-cost local conferences. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

tracy dockray
@dockray_tracy

This was enlightening but were our suggestions heard by those that could help lower tuition costs? #critlib

A YEAR AGO
Q2. More libraries - pub & acad - are offering financial literacy programs. Education to better decisions on loans & finance. #critlib

@CarElizHay My stipend from my GA is nothing and my other hourly job doesn't pay enough. #critlib

@oksveta Sure! I also think it is not in admin’s interest to create environment where more folks are engaged #critlib

My first #critpitch is that everybody read this excellent blog from our friend & colleague @kellymce: kellymce.info/bloggy/2016/11... #critlib

A3.6 so towns pressure ppl to pay top dollar for credentials when they pay the same folks like part-timers to be full-time managers #critlib

@theelizbrarian I took good advantage of this, highly recommended #critlib
@oksveta @Gaymerbrarian ugh yes because that would mean more grit in the gears and then look out. #critlib

@kevinseeber YES. @kellymce advocates for "ideas for advocating at a policy/legislative level". What have we got from this chat?? #critlib

Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta

News to me, too. Thanks! #critlib twitter.com/thelizbrarian/...

Kate Kitchens
@Infinity_Dots

A4 lib I worked for as a grad stu payed me if I wanted to sit in on drop in sessions or staff mtgs so I could get xtra hrs #critlib

Jennifer Dekker
@jayeldee

#critlib Any Canadian librarians out there, tomorrow is fight the fees day, participate in rallies on your campus! cfsontario.ca/campaigns/figh...

Justin de la Cruz
@justindlc

A4 Easy to say since I've finished an MLS and gotten a job, and hesitant to say, but grad programs could accept fewer students...? #critlib
Lisa Hubbell
@lisahubbell

#critpitch I'll be moderating 12/19 #critlib chat on critical reflection. Propose topics or see future schedule at critlib.org/twitter-chats/

A YEAR AGO

Violet Fox
@violetbfox

@justindlcl Or just fewer MLIS programs in general. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber

My other #critpitch is that you help promote this vacancy for a new director at my academic lib in Denver: cu.taleo.net/careersection/... #critlib

A YEAR AGO

kendra werst
@wrestgerl

@justindlc Yes! MLS programs NEED TO BE MORE SELECTIVE. #QualityOverQuantity #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Irene Korber
@IreneKorber

@oksveta @thelizbrarian news to me as well! Too late for me! Bummer. Really coulda used that as adjunct. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Rebecca Halpern
@beccakatharine

@wrestgerl @justindlcl AND would probably attract more qualified candidates if programs would remember that students gotta eat, too #critlib

A YEAR AGO
Kelly Kraemer
@kellykkraemer

Q2. As outreach lib, I'm interested in doing something @MoneySmartWeek - lots of good ideas. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Irene Korber
@IreneKorber

@justindlc or be more honest about job prospects to potential students. Feel like projections were fairly dishonest. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta

@violetbfox @justindlc fewer programs seems more feasible. fewer students = less revenue = program balance sheets no longer viable #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Justin de la Cruz
@justindlc

#critpitch Haven't been keeping up with #critlib - any major / hot takes / blog posts / other on info lot with respect to the election?

A YEAR AGO

Kate Crowe
@kcrowe

@catladylib @kellymce @sofiayleung Meant to tell you (& Brian & Tami & all the fab @kulibraries folks how great I thought this was! #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Rachel Gammons
@rwgammons

Thanks #critlib and moderators! This community is 🌟 grateful for your brilliant brains and supportive discourse 🙌🏼👏🏼👏🏼👏🏼👏🏼

A YEAR AGO
Rebecca Halpern
@beccakatharine

ok, #critlib-ers, this has been fun! thanks to @modbrarian and @kevinseeber for co-moderating

A YEAR AGO

Liz McGlynn Bellamy
@thelizbrarian

Yeah, how bout those flocks of retirements? Still waiting on them #critlib twitter.com/IreneKorber/st...

A YEAR AGO

Melissa DeWitt
@Badgersssss

@justindlc I agree! But if the schools are making money off the program... #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Rebecca Halpern
@beccakatharine

I’m out, but please contact me if you’d like to volunteer to Storify tonight’s chat! #critlib

A YEAR AGO

WIN NEW! GALAXY S7
@gowdry6

Thanks #critlib and moderators! This community is grateful for your brilliant brains and supportive discourse

A YEAR AGO

Denisse
@Luna_Dee

I feel this is what is happening throughout the profession. #critlib MPOW in MIA ($$$) expects MLIS+yes of exp for less than living wage twitter.com/eminencefont/s...
Liz McGlynn Bellamy
@thelizbrarian

Tho as someone who had to pay out-of-state tuition, less progs could actually be more damaging #critlib twitter.com/oksveta/status...

A YEAR AGO

Justin de la Cruz
@justindlc

I thought about writing a series of blog posts about this election. There’s so much to cover it’s hard to figure out where to start #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Jennifer Dekker
@jayeldee

good night #critlib it’s always good to know there are good, thoughtful colleagues out there.

A YEAR AGO

James
@modbrarian

thank you so much #critlib great idea by @kevinseeber thanks for allowing @beccakatharine to help moderate this. Thanks all.

A YEAR AGO

Irene Korber
@IreneKorber

@thelizbrarian @justindlc "The greying of the profession!" Can’t even count how many times I heard that while getting my MLIS #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Liz McGlynn Bellamy
@thelizbrarian

This was a great #critlib. Thanks @kevinseeber @beccakatharine @modbrarian

A YEAR AGO
Irene Korber
@IreneKorber
Thanks for the chat tonight #critlib! Glad to finally have time to participate. Looking forward to the next one.

Violet Fox
@violetbfox
To our future colleagues still in library school: hang in there! Student debt can feel super isolating, but you're not alone! #critlib

Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta
thanks @beccakatharine @modbrarian & @kevinseeber for a great chat. let's to think about here. #critlib twitter.com/beccakatharine...

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber
Many thanks to @modbrarian and @beccakatharine for co-moderating, and thanks to all of YOU for participating! #critlib

Justin de la Cruz
@justindlc
@oksveta @violetbfox ok, good idea. which ones do we get rid of? ;) #critlib

Caroline Hayden
@CarElizHay
Worked in pub. lib. 1st sem. of MLIS. PT, but they wanted FT work and commitment. Hard to balance separate demands like that #critlib twitter.com/oksveta/status...
Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta

@thelizbrarian very true! but so hard to imagine a uni where master's students aren't exploited to fund rest of campus #critlib

Irene Korber
@IreneKorber

Also FYI about the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program. Use it! #critlib twitter.com/violetbfox/sta...

@brinepond

but uh i really thought this #critlib would be more like how to handle student loan debt on like a personal level

Kelly Kraemer
@kellykkraemer

Q2. Libs can collab with community orgs for fin.lit. programs. Bus & Econ depts, student clubs, even banks or credit unions. #critlib

Zoe Fisher
@zoh_zoh

sorry I didn't participate more in #critlib - if you're interested I'm blogging Library Assessment Conference at quickaskzoe.com

Melissa DeWitt
@Badgersssss

Thanks to the moderators and all you wonderful people! #critlib
@oksreta @violetbfox @justindlc this is important because this is basically RU’s story #critlib
A YEAR AGO

@justindlc Not all library schools are equal. Some are doing a better job than others. Tough choices need to be made somewhere... #critlib
A YEAR AGO

@thslibrarian #critlib sometimes, new master's programs are started to keep undergrad tuition down, eg washingtonpost.com/news/grade-poi...
A YEAR AGO

@IreneKorber @thelizbrarian I know - no idea how this narrative of older folks retiring making room for younger makes any sense #critlib
A YEAR AGO

Thank you #critlib moderators and participants! <3 Great conversation!
A YEAR AGO

Ugh the WORST autocorrect *info *lit #critlib
A YEAR AGO
Kate Kitchens @Infinity_Dots

@IreneKorber ppl don't know abt PSLF/don't think they qualify. I didn't think I qualified bcs I work for a private u but I do. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Caroline Hayden @CarElizHay

Good night all! Great conversations and thoughts! #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Ashley Farley @ashleydfarley

@thelizbrarian @maraebrarian SO TRUE! Been in the field for over 10 yrs b4 starting MLIS & heard this all the time. Still waiting #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Sarah Polkinghorne @sarahpolk

Here's a belated #critpitch for #critlib: you're invited to send in a proposal for #wilu2017. It's not too late! wilu2017.library.ualberta.ca/program/call-f...

A YEAR AGO

Irene Korber @IreneKorber

@justindlc @thelizbrarian if anything its been positions that werent filled / merged n2 others. Waiting for that retirement wave... #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Kelly Kraemer @kellyk Kraemer

Q3. What comes to mind is library choices on journal subscription package deals that lock us in to exorbitant costs 🤣主要集中 #critlib

A YEAR AGO
Justin de la Cruz
@justindlc

#critlib remember to really nail down PSLF RIGHT AWAY after graduation if you qualify. A bit of red tape involved - research, execute.

A YEAR AGO

Irene Korber
@IreneKorber

@Infinity_Dots people don't know and it's a damn shame. A week I ago told a MSW friend about it and she had no idea. Not publicized #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Dr.EB
@LNBel

Hi #Critlib eating pizza and lurking. I went to the most expensive library school, took decades to pay off defaulted loans.

A YEAR AGO

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber

@ashleydfarley @thelizbrarian @maraebrarian FWTW, it is happening, just not at the scale that was promised for the last ten years. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Lisa Hubbell
@lisahubbell

@brinepond Practically or emotionally? Easy to get caught up in numbers and strategic choices re student loans. #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Irene Korber
@IreneKorber

@modbrarian @Infinity_Dots I should have 4 years left but need to confirm. Lucky to have already been in academia when getting MLIS #critlib

A YEAR AGO
Denisse @Luna_Dee

More about the Public Service Loan Forgiveness | Federal Student Aid #critlib studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans...
A YEAR AGO

Kevin Seeber @kevinseeber

Alright! Now that #critlib is over @violetbfox and I can get back to tweeting about Jake Arrieta. #FlyTheW
A YEAR AGO

Denisse @Luna_Dee

#CritLib Looks like you have to be making qualifying payments for 10 yrs in order to be eligible for PSLF 😊 My plan is to pay it off in 10 twitter.com/luna_dee/statu...
A YEAR AGO

Kelly Kraemer @kellykkraemer

Q3. Choices for purchasing Open Access materials have real impact beyond the library budget. #critlib
A YEAR AGO

Dr.EB @LNBel

@EamonTewell a food bank appeared on our campus after it was a demand of a recent student protest - so happy we have one now #critlib
A YEAR AGO

Dr.EB @LNBel

@EamonTewell I wasn't adjuncting one semester, no job prospects went to food pantries, worried about seeing my students there #critlib
A YEAR AGO
@violetbfox True. Ways we can help w student loan crisis may come from us as individuals in the voting booth. #critlib

@UW increased its food pantry services this year: dsl.uw.edu/2016/09/19/any... #critlib

#critlib late to the party but I think conferences can often be places of reproduction rather than real problem solving due 2 elitism. 1/2

#critlib also think access to PD resources for lib peeps needs to be a MUCH bigger discussion to expose inequity, cuz it hurts us all 2/2
Re-watched Titanic while tweeting #critlib 2nite. Sinking ship / student loans combo seems appropriate in retrospect. #spoilers Jack died. pic.twitter.com/6fNiVZxT1N

@brinepond @modbrarian @thelizbrarian @oksveta certain texts are on reserves, but not the main readings. Still required buying. #critlib

#critlib twitter.com/tangerinerinds...

In case you missed the #critlib from tonight • check out this awesome Storify created by @tangerinerinds twitter.com/tangerinerinds...
Ali Cole @tangerinerinds
#storify of tonight's #critlib on academic libraries & the student loan crisis
storify.com/tangerinerinds... #studentloans #academiclibraries

A YEAR AGO

Ali Cole @tangerinerinds
#critlib : academic libraries & the student loan crisis (with tweets) · angelaacooke · Storify by @angelaacooke storify.com/angelaacooke/...

A YEAR AGO

Lisa Hinchliffe @lisalibrarian
@LibraryUFV agree so much with this. hoped to work on as ALA prez but finding other ways now #critlib

A YEAR AGO

Gina Murrell @GinaMurrell1
In Eugene, #Oregon, the Student Food Pantry provides #free food to #highered students who have a school ID. uoecm.org/the-student-fo... #critlib twitter.com/EamonTewell/st...

A YEAR AGO

Kelly McElroy @kellymce
@EamonTewell @zoh_zoh when financial literacy is housed in business, perhaps a difft tone than in the library...#critlib

A YEAR AGO

Forty and Sporty @adammizelle
Good #critlib thread from last night. twitter.com/maggiehm/statu...

A YEAR AGO