#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/



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 @beccakatharine

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...





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



A YEAR AGO



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/statu...



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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



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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.



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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...



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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.



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Kevin Seeber

@kevinseeber

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



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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.





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...



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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!!! 👪 🕦





A YEAR AGO



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





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 🛞





Kevin Seeber @kevinseeber

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





Angela Cooke @angelaacookee

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





Rebecca Halpern @beccakatharine

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



A YEAR AGO



Ali Cole @tangerinerinds

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



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Sveta Stoytcheva

@oksveta

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.



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Kate Kitchens @Infinity_Dots

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



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Eamon Tewell @EamonTewell

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



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Kevin Seeber @kevinseeber

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





Q1: How is the student loan crisis affecting you, your library, and/or your campus? #critlib





Violet Fox @violetbfox

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.





manda pizzollo @Mandapizzollo

Howdy #critlib. I'm a metadata intern and current LIS grad student in MA





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





kendra werst

@werstgerl

MLS student @iusoic graduating in the Spring with student loans #critlib





count cronkula

Hi, #critlib! I'm coming at you from #chs2016. Academic librarian (Houston-based) focused on collections.





Nicola Andrews @maraebrarian

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



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Tracydockray @Tracydockray1

Hi Crtlibbers. 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



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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





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





Rebecca Halpern @beccakatharine

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





James @modbrarian

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





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





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





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





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



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



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Violet Fox @violetbfox

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



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Ali Cole @tangerinerinds

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



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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





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



M 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 nemore, esp when they're thinking grad school. #critlib.



M 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 rtrns #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





Rebecca Halpern @beccakatharine

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



A YEAR AGO



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



A YEAR AGO





@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



A YEAR AGO



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



A YEAR AGO



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



M YEAR AGO



Lisa Hubbell @lisahubbell

A1. Teen offspring transferring from private to public ed, partly not to rack up so many loans. #critlib





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







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 @maraebrarian

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 @ashleydfarley

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.



A YEAR AGO



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



A YEAR AGO



kendra werst

@werstgerl

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



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Liz McGlynn Bellamy

@thelizbrarian

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



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Rachel Lux Stott

@rachellux

@violetbfox @beccakatharine ditto! #critlib



A YEAR AGO



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/





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



M YEAR AGO



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



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Nicola Andrews @maraebrarian

@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



A YEAR AGO



Kevin Seeber @kevinseeber

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



A YEAR AGO



Justin de la Cruz @justindlc

@thelizbrarian I want to believe... #critlib



M YEAR AGO



lurknlearn @nancyeadams

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



A YEAR AGO



Sveta Stoytcheva

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



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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





Rebecca Halpern @beccakatharine

@CharissaAPowell Do those students seem to have an "oh well" attitude - like loans are just part of the experience? #critlib



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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



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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



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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



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James @modbrarian

#critlib twitter.com/jayeldee/statu...





@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





Rachel Gammons

@rwgammons

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





Nicola Andrews

@maraebrarian

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





Kevin Seeber

@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





Jennifer Dekker @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





James @modbrarian

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





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



ZOE FISHER @ZOH_ZOH · A YEAR AGO



Rebecca Halpern @beccakatharine

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





Justin de la Cruz @justindlc

@Mandapizzollo 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



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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_Dee

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/maraebrarian/s...



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Rebecca Halpern @beccakatharine

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



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Kevin Seeber @kevinseeber

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



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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





Liz McGlynn Bellamy @thelizbrarian

@beccakatharine @maraebrarian Could def see some financial literacy/info literacy connections here #critlib



A YEAR AGO



Kevin Seeber @kevinseeber

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



A YEAR AGO





@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



A YEAR AGO



Lisa Hubbell @lisahubbell

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



A YEAR AGO



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



M YEAR AGO



Caroline Hayden @CarElizHay

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





@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



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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 @oksveta

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...





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





Rebecca Halpern @beccakatharine

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





Charissa Powell @CharissaAPowell

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





Jennifer Dekker @jayeldee

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





Justin de la Cruz @justindlc

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





Ali Cole

@tangerinerinds

A2: Grad student thankful for professors who do not require textbooks but utilize the variety of databases via the library #critlib



A YEAR AGO



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



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Sveta Stoytcheva

@oksveta

@kevinseeber @maraebrarian In my experience, this was just an online training module #critlib



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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



A YEAR AGO



Eamon Tewell @EamonTewell

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



A YEAR AGO



Nicola Andrews

@maraebrarian

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.





john fink @adr

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





Liz McGlynn Bellamy @thelizbrarian

#critlib twitter.com/thelizbrarian/...





Kate Crowe akcrowe

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





James @modbrarian

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





Kevin Seeber @kevinseeber

@justindle 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





tracy dockray @dockray_tracy

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



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Melissa DeWitt @Badgersssss

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



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Rachel Lux Stott

@rachellux

@oksveta @kevinseeber @maraebrarian & 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 @maraebrarian

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



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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





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





Justin de la Cruz @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





manda pizzollo @Mandapizzollo

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





Eamon Tewell @EamonTewell

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





Sveta Stoytcheva

@oksveta

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





amelish @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





@brinepond

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



A YEAR AGO



Caroline Hayden @CarElizHay

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



M YEAR AGO



Rebecca Halpern @beccakatharine

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



A YEAR AGO



Nicola Andrews

@maraebrarian

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



M YEAR AGO



Rebecca Halpern @beccakatharine

@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





lurknlearn @nancyeadams

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





Kevin Seeber @kevinseeber

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





Nicola Andrews @maraebrarian

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





Liz McGlynn Bellamy @thelizbrarian

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





Sveta Stoytcheva @oksveta

More info here: pueolibrary.com #critlib twitter.com/oksveta/status...





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 LIS 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





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...





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





Ali Cole @tangerinerinds

#critlib twitter.com/tangerinerinds...





Rebecca Halpern @beccakatharine

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



M 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



M YEAR AGO



Eamon Tewell @EamonTewell

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





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



A YEAR AGO



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



A YEAR AGO



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



A YEAR AGO



Rebecca Halpern @beccakatharine

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



A YEAR AGO



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



A YEAR AGO





@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





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





manda pizzollo @Mandapizzollo

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





Justin de la Cruz @justindlc

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





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





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/...





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





Eamon Tewell @EamonTewell

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





Jennifer Dekker @jayeldee

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





Jamie Howe @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





Lisa Hubbell @lisahubbell

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





Kevin Seeber @kevinseeber

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





.@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





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

@brinepond @modbrarian @oksveta 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...





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 is. 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





Callan @eminencefont

A2. MA offers LSTA grants for financial literacy; could be used for student support. & @SomervillePL has an income inequality group #critlib



A YEAR AGO



Maggie Murphy @maggiehm

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



A YEAR AGO



Kevin Seeber @kevinseeber

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



A YEAR AGO



manda pizzollo @Mandapizzollo

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



A YEAR AGO



Ashley Farley @ashleydfarley

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



A YEAR AGO



Rachel Gammons @rwgammons

A3 by perpetuating unpaid internships, contingent positions, and staff/faculty divide within our own profession a #critlib





@kevinseeber lol at #fullgreta #critlib





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





Josh @NeoMediaLuddite

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





Rebecca Halpern @beccakatharine

YES!! RT @justindlc A3 Could remaining silent about unnecessary campus expenditures also implicate us in academic libraries? #critlib





Zoe Fisher @zoh_zoh

me rn: is that guy's name really "Coco Crisp"? Really?? #critlib





@brinepond

A3 well if greta van susteren has anything to do with it it's all these palatial libraries we keep building # critlib





Violet Fox @violetbfox

A3 (cont). It's like feeling bad about taking a minute-longer shower when agriculture use of water is tremendous. #critlib



A YEAR AGO



Nicola Andrews @maraebrarian

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





Julia @sparkymonster

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



M YEAR AGO



Kelly Kraemer @kellykkraemer

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



A YEAR AGO



Kelsey @kelsinbklyn

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



A YEAR AGO



Kevin Seeber @kevinseeber

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





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/maraebrarian/s...





lurknlearn @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



M 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





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





Nicola Andrews @maraebrarian

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



A YEAR AGO



Rachel Lux Stott @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





Irene Korber @IreneKorber

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



M YEAR AGO



Kevin Seeber @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





Rebecca Halpern @beccakatharine

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





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



M 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 soooooooooooooooo on point. #critlib



M YEAR AGO



Sveta Stoytcheva

@oksveta

@eminencefont ooh interested in hearing this #critlib





@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

@oksveta 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





Irene Korber @IreneKorber

Hi late to the convo - I'm a librarian at CSU, Chico #critlib



M YEAR AGO



@brinepond

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



A YEAR AGO



Liz McGlynn Bellamy @thelizbrarian

@CarElizHay Oh, almost definitely the former. #critlib



M YEAR AGO



Kevin Seeber

@kevinseeber

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



A YEAR AGO



Rebecca Halpern

@beccakatharine

@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



A YEAR AGO



Rachel Lux Stott

@rachellux

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





Ashley Farley @ashleydfarley

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





Violet Fox @violetbfox

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





Callan @eminencefont

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





Irene Korber @IreneKorber

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





Caroline Hayden @CarElizHay

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



A YEAR AGO



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



A YEAR AGO



Rebecca Halpern

@beccakatharine

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



A YEAR AGO



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...



A YEAR AGO



Rachel Gammons

@rwgammons

A4 HIRE ENTRY LEVEL CANDIDATES #critlib



A YEAR AGO



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



A YEAR AGO



James @modbrarian

A4: Seize the means of production. #critlib 65



A YEAR AGO



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



M YEAR AGO



Irene Korber @IreneKorber

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



A YEAR AGO



amelish @amelish

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



A YEAR AGO



Kevin Seeber @kevinseeber

@beccakatharine That is a great idea! #critlib





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



M YEAR AGO



Nicola Andrews @maraebrarian

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





Justin de la Cruz

@justindlc

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



M 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



M 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_Dee

#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





@beccakatharine YES #critlib





Callan @eminencefont

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





tracy dockray @dockray_tracy

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





Nicola Andrews @maraebrarian

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



A YEAR AGO



Melissa DeWitt @Badgersssss

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





amelish @amelish

@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



M 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





@justindlc yesssss thank you #critlib





Sveta Stoytcheva

@oksveta

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





Denisse @Luna_Dee

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





Jamie Howe @Gaymerbrarian

@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





Maggie Murphy @maggiehm

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





Caroline Hayden @CarElizHay

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





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





Liz McGlynn Bellamy @thelizbrarian

@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





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





James @modbrarian

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





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





Denisse @Luna_Dee

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





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





Rebecca Halpern @beccakatharine

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





kendra werst

@werstgerl

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





Nicola Andrews

@maraebrarian

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





Rachel Gammons

@rwgammons

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





Melissa DeWitt @Badgersssss

@Luna_Dee 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/statu...



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

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



M 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?





Liz McGlynn Bellamy @thelizbrarian

Impt FYI for #critlib students/recent grads, you can get ALA student rate for up to 5 years, even post-grad



A YEAR AGO



Lisa Hubbell @lisahubbell

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



A YEAR AGO



Irene Korber @IreneKorber

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



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amelish @amelish

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



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Ali Cole @tangerinerinds

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



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Allana Mayer @allanaaaaaaa

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





#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...





Maggie Murphy @maggiehm

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



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Rebecca Halpern @beccakatharine

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



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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?



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Lisa Hubbell @lisahubbell

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



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tracy dockray @dockray_tracy

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





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





kendra werst @werstgerl

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





Sveta Stoytcheva @oksveta

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





Kevin Seeber @kevinseeber

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





Callan @eminencefont

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





Eamon Tewell @EamonTewell

@thelizbrarian 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



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Violet Fox @violetbfox

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



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Sveta Stoytcheva

@oksveta

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



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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



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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...



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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/



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Violet Fox @violetbfox

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



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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



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kendra werst @werstgerl

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



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Irene Korber @IreneKorber

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



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Rebecca Halpern @beccakatharine

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





Kelly Kraemer @kellykkraemer

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



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Irene Korber @IreneKorber

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



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Sveta Stoytcheva

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



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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?



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Kate Crowe @kcrowe

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



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Rachel Gammons @rwgammons

Thanks #critlib and moderators! This community is 💯 grateful for your brilliant brains and supportive discourse 💥 🕽 💥 💢 🥰





Rebecca Halpern @beccakatharine

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



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Liz McGlynn Bellamy @thelizbrarian

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



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Melissa DeWitt @Badgersssss

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



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Rebecca Halpern @beccakatharine

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



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WIN NEW! GALAXY S7

giveawa gowalwaygowdy

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



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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...



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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



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Jennifer Dekker

@jayeldee

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



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James @modbrarian

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



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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



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Liz McGlynn Bellamy @thelizbrarian

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





Irene Korber @IreneKorber

Thanks for the chat tonight #critlib! Glad to finally have time to participate. Looking forward to the next one.



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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



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Sveta Stoytcheva @oksveta

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



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Kevin Seeber @kevinseeber

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



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Justin de la Cruz @justindlc

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



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Caroline Hayden @CarElizHay

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





@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





@oksveta @violetbfox @justindlc this is important because this is basically RU's story #critlib





Violet Fox @violetbfox

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





Sveta Stoytcheva

@oksveta

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



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Justin de la Cruz @justindlc

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



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kendra werst

@werstgerl

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



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Justin de la Cruz

@justindlc

Ugh the WORST autocorrect *info *lit #critlib





.@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





Caroline Hayden @CarElizHay

Good night all! Great conversations and thoughts! #critlib





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





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...





Irene Korber @IreneKorber

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





Kelly Kraemer @kellykkraemer

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





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.



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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



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Dr.EB **@LNBel**

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



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Kevin Seeber @kevinseeber

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



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Lisa Hubbell @lisahubbell

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



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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





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





Kevin Seeber @kevinseeber

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





Denisse @Luna_Dee

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





Kelly Kraemer @kellykkraemer

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





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





Dr.EB @LNBel

@EamonTewell I wasn't adjuncting one semester, no job prospects went to food pantries, worried about seeing my students there #critlib





@violetbfox True. Ways we can help w student loan crisis may come from us as individuals in the voting booth. #critlib





Nicola Andrews @maraebrarian

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





Christina Neigel @LibraryUFV

#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

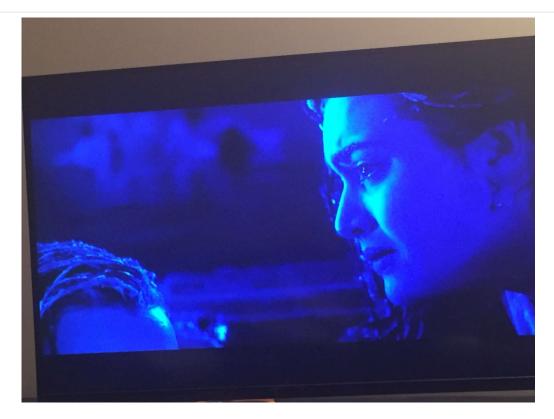




Christina Neigel @LibraryUFV

#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



KELLY KRAEMER @KELLYKKRAEMER · A YEAR AGO



Josh @NeoMediaLuddite

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



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Ali Cole @tangerinerinds

#critlib twitter.com/tangerinerinds...



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Ashley Farley @ashleydfarley

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



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Ali Cole @tangerinerinds

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



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Lisa Hinchliffe @lisalibrarian

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



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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...



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OK Kelly McElroy OK @kellymce

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



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Forty and Sporty @adammizelle

Good #critlib thread from last night. twitter.com/maggiehm/statu...

