

Librarian as Scholar

*If I can do it,
so can you!*



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Don't be intimidated!

- Getting published may be as easy as emailing an article to a magazine or journal!
- Getting into ALA etc. may be as easy as submitting an electronic proposal for a presentation!
- Getting on a committee may be as easy as emailing the chairman and offering your expertise/services!

Don't be intimidated!

- Getting a poster session into ACRL/PLA may be as easy as promoting your unique library programming or projects!
- Participating in a roundtable at Midwinter may be as easy as gathering 2-3 colleagues to talk about something you enjoy – summer reading, teaching library science etc.

Lemons into Lemonade

- Turn problems into articles or presentations
- People are just as interested in the bad stuff as they are the good stuff!

Help somebody avoid making a costly mistake at their library!

Lemons into Lemonade

- Equipment snafus
- Projects that went wrong
- Failed personnel trends
- Dramatic changes in staff or admin
- Natural disasters
- Budget problems
- Staffing problems

Be Creative

- What are your good qualities? Go with the things in which you excel!

Are you a good manager?

- Others may want to hear of your managerial style or techniques that work!
- If you dealt with difficult staff successfully, others may want to know how you went about correcting behaviors.
- Did you attend workshops or training that helped you become a better manager? If so, tell us about it!

Pat yourself on the back!

- What are your good qualities?

Are you a good reference librarian?

- Provide your tips on perfecting the reference interview.
- Discuss how you select materials for your collection.
- How do you address non-traditional students?
- How do you address the needs of the ESL community?
- Others may want to hear how you maintain

Go with what you like!

Do you have any hobbies applicable to work?

- Send in a book review for items you read for pleasure.
- Generate community programs that combine interests (Antiques Road Show; library craft fair) and tell your colleagues about them!

Are you a good writer?

- Do you enjoy telling stories? Is your style more technical?
- There are publications that suit any style or audience

Use your strengths!

Do you enjoy speaking in front of groups?

- Have you learned something new recently that you could apply to the job? Tell us about it!
- Are you staying abreast of trends in the field? Tell us about them!

Are you artistic?

- Turn that ability into an eye-catching poster session!
- Use your talent to engage others in the

Now you try it!

Take a moment to concentrate on your own strengths, likes, abilities, and skill.

- Think of a concept, an observation or an idea
- Jot down sample titles
- Consider format
- Then make time to write, outline, or create!
- Submit it to appropriate conferences or publications

If you don't get in the first time, don't get discouraged, just try again!

Exercise

1. List one or more qualities you possess
2. List one major project you did at your library that was a success.
3. List a project that was not a success or list a disaster/problem that you had to solve at your library.

Exercise

4. List three things you enjoy doing outside of work.
5. Combine one or more items from #1-4 to generate a workshop, presentation, or article title that you would enjoy writing/creating!