

# Students working in the UVic Libraries

## Welcome to UVic Libraries

A great place to work! The libraries are the heartbeat of the University research scene, plus the BiblioCafé is one of the best cafés on campus!

UVic Libraries present employment opportunities for students in many areas including the Mearns Centre for Learning-McPherson Library, the Curriculum Library and the Priestly Law Library.

The goals of the Student Assistant Program and Library Monitor Work Study Program are to provide employment opportunities throughout a student's academic career at UVic. These opportunities will build skills, generate interest in the academic community and enhance educational experience.

## Library Student Assistants

The Student Assistant Program employs approximately 20-25 students as casual employees through the Fall/Spring semesters. Student Assistants work directly with library users as well as behind the scenes performing a variety of highly valuable functions including:

- shelving and sorting materials in Stack Maintenance,
- checking out materials at the Loan Desks (including Main, Music and Media, Curriculum Library, and the Law Library)
- providing support for fellow students using the library computer workstations in the Learning Commons.

*"I still remember working as a Student Assistant at McPherson Library as one of the best jobs I've ever had. I wouldn't be where I am today without the experience I gained in this position, to say nothing of the fact that it was tremendously fun working with such a wonderful group of people!"*

Library Student Assistant positions are posted on the UVic Co-op Education & Career Services [Learning in Motion](#) job site during the second week in August and applications are submitted online.

## Library Monitors

The Library Monitor positions are part of the UVic Work Study Program and offer employment opportunities in UVic Libraries to students who demonstrate financial need. Library monitors make a tremendous contribution to maintaining an optimum atmosphere for studying in UVic Libraries. These positions help develop excellent interpersonal skills as monitors almost continuously interact with library users.

*“My Library Monitor job helped me become more familiar with the library and the services it offers. I now feel more confident in my own studies!”*

The Library Monitor positions are posted in the first week of classes in September on the Student Awards & Financial Aid website under Work Study. Monitor applicants should also submit a cover letter and resume to the McPherson Library Loan Desk and indicate the number of work hours approved.

More information about qualifying for Work Study can be obtained through [Student Awards & Financial Aid](#). Completed Work Study applications can be submitted to SAFA for assessment any time after August 15th.

*“I really appreciated being connected to the University as both a student and a staff person . . . it gave me a whole new perspective!”*