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**MAKING THE LEAP: OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY WALLS**

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Librarians are valued for their ability to review large amounts of information, analyse, evaluate, and organise information to meet specific client needs. More and more, librarians apply their information management and research skills to positions outside of libraries. Library skills are valuable in areas such as, IT, archives, law firms, museums, publishing, library vendors, marketing and communication. To make the leap from a traditional library setting, librarians need to think in terms of skill sets and the transferability of these skills. This paper will reflect on the various roles that I have found myself in, including metadata, thesauri, web content systems, indexing, web accessibility and assessing websites. Some of the areas I will cover include how I made the leap from a library setting to the various roles I have undertaken. How does one ensure that your new employer recognises the value of your library skills? How do you break out of the stereotype of being a 'librarian' and what do you market yourself as? Once in a new role, how do you stay connected with the library profession? Working outside of the traditional library setting can be an exciting and rewarding experience. I will share my thoughts and tips and hope to broaden your horizons.

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