**Career Choice Among Professional Librarians when They were Students**

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**Abstract**

Career choice is a big challenge among students. This study explored the professional librarians’ career choices when they were students. Factors influencing their choice to be a librarian, job satisfaction level, and factors affecting their decisions were explored. The study is a descriptive survey with the use of the mixed method of research, which combines both the qualitative and quantitative approaches. For qualitative data, the factors were presented thematically, while for quantitative data, the researchers computed the weighted mean and percentage. The respondents were selected through a random sampling method. It was found out that 60% of the respondents’ choices were influenced by their parents and relatives, 20% by friends, and 20% as personal interest. As to the satisfaction level, the researchers found that those librarians whose choice to be a librarian was personal interest, has a weighted mean of 3.7 which means very satisfied, while those librarians who were influenced by their parents and relatives had a weighted mean of 2.8 (satisfied), and those who were influenced by their friends has a weighted mean of 2.9 (satisfied). The factors that affected the respondents in choosing librarianship as a profession were the suitable daily working hours, job security, and relationship with colleagues and library users. The researchers concluded that personal interest greatly affects the satisfaction level of being a professional librarian. It is therefore important to show to the students how happy and satisfied we are with our work and our colleagues in order to influence and encourage them to follow our profession.

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