



# Employment Opportunities in the Department of Veterans Affairs Library Network (VALNET)

**A national community of librarians and  
library technicians supporting  
health care, education, and research**

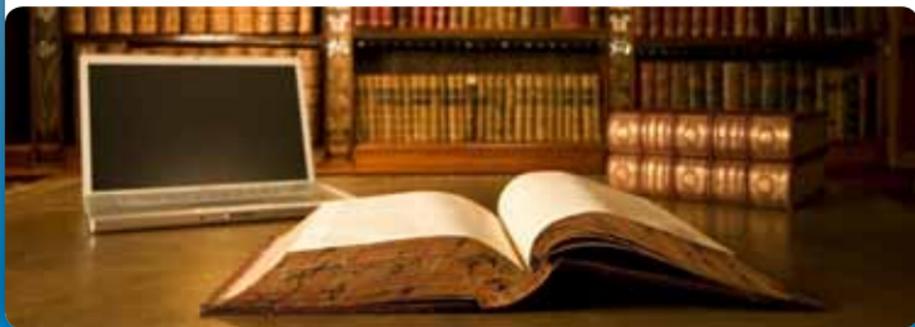


*Serving those who have served*

## What is VALNET?

The Department of Veterans Affairs Library Network (VALNET) is a health sciences library network of national significance. VALNET libraries provide knowledge-based information for clinical and management decision making, research, and education to enhance the quality of care for the more than 5 million Veterans enrolled in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Health Care System.

Under the One VA concept, VALNET member libraries support VA's three administrations: Veterans Health, Veterans Benefits, and National Cemetery. VALNET libraries serve a diverse group of users, including VA staff and employees; students and trainees in affiliated teaching programs; as well as Veteran inpatients and outpatients, their families, and caregivers.



## VALNET's History?

In 1865, the first Veterans Hospital Library was established at the National Home for Disabled Soldiers in Togus, Maine.

In the 1930s, VA Librarians were required to wear white uniforms.

In 1949, the VA began to sponsor 3-week courses on Medical Librarianship at four universities. This was the beginning of formalized training for medical librarians.

In 1965, the first edition of Alfred N. Brandon's "Selected List of Books and Journals for the Small Medical Library" was partially based on the 1964 "Basic List of Books and Journals for Veterans Administration Medical Libraries."

In 1981, the VA established a Mentors Training Program designed to deliver training to new Chiefs of Library Service at their own work site.

In 2005, VALNET Librarians on Call Service began. VALNET librarians are available to answer e-mail questions from any VA employee anywhere, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-7:30 pm (Eastern Time).

## Why VALNET?

VALNET employees have access to:

- ★ A network of library colleagues within a work culture that encourages collaboration and support
- ★ A Mentorship Program for new VALNET chiefs and managers
- ★ Educational programs, joint purchasing options, and centralized products and services for libraries
- ★ Opportunities to serve on committees, workgroups, and panels on the local, regional, and national level



## Why VA?

VA employees enjoy opportunities for career growth and the daily rewards of serving those who have served our country. Other benefits include:

- ★ Employment within an internationally recognized health care organization
- ★ Eligibility for job opportunities across the country and in Puerto Rico
- ★ Competitive salary and benefits including:
  - Paid federal holidays
  - Paid sick leave and annual leave (personal/vacation)
  - Retirement programs with matching contributions
  - Federal Employees Health Benefits Program
  - ...and more



## What are librarians saying?

"The excellent VALNET network is full of co-workers who can provide guidance, assistance, and reassurance that you do not have to 'go it alone' if you have questions."

*Jean Stubbs, Medical Library Technician, Boise, ID*

"There is always a willingness to share our resources with each other without the corresponding formality that comes from interacting with self standing institutions outside of the network."

*Nancy Martino, Medical Librarian, Salisbury, NC*

"In many professions, knowledge is power and is something to keep to oneself. In VALNET, knowledge is also power, but we want to share."

*Margaret Fulsom, Former Medical Librarian, Charleston, SC*

"VALNET is a built-in network of colleagues that few other hospital librarians can claim. There is always someone within the network who has gone through similar trials and tribulations and who can point you in the right direction."

*Lori Winterfeldt, Chief, Library Service, New York, NY*

## Interested?

For nationwide VALNET employment opportunities visit <http://www.usajobs.gov> (search '1410' for librarian positions and '1411' for library technicians positions). VALNET's website: [http://www.va.gov/VALNET/VALNET\\_Jobs.asp](http://www.va.gov/VALNET/VALNET_Jobs.asp) also lists open positions.

Please contact the VALNET Library Network Office via email at [vha19oilibnetofc@va.gov](mailto:vha19oilibnetofc@va.gov) with specific questions about employment opportunities.



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