



HSS
**Technical
Library**



Corporate Geosciences Librarianship

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Where Hess explores and produces....



Hess Library patrons



- 12 offices (North America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and South America)
- Numbers have fluctuated – 180 to 490
- Geologists
- Geophysicists
- Geotechs and Engineering techs
- Engineers
- Business Development
- First five year program employees for all of the above
- Summer interns for all of the above

Hess Technical Library....and staff



Technical Librarian – Roles and Responsibilities



- Solo librarian – single point of contact for:
 - Reference requests
 - Document delivery
 - Copyright questions
 - Book orders/loans
 - Library subscriptions
 - Library resource training
 - Information requests outside of the library – point patrons to appropriate departments (Central Records, Subsurface Data Management, etc.)
 - Approval process and digital repository for externally published papers, presentations, etc. by Hess technical employees

Pros/Cons of Solo Corporate Librarianship



- I get to do it all/no one else to do it (and in many cases, no one to back me up)
- Opportunities to work on projects outside of the library/most projects do not result in improvements or long-term change
- Travel/operational locations (drilling sites) are in remote locations
- Work with people in all locations worldwide/phone calls, web meetings, video chats that have to accommodate various time zones (lots of very early or very late meetings)

Information/Knowledge management responsibilities:

- Manage and maintain internal websites and shared drive folders
 - Care attention to file names – search
 - Folder structure/taxonomy – browse
 - Enterprise architecture
 - Controlled vocabularies

Corporate Oil and Gas Librarians

- E&P (aka Upstream) companies
 - Most have 2-3 librarians; major E&P companies have multiple library locations with up to 25 librarians
 - Geologist, geophysicists, geochemists, engineers, seismic analysts
- Midstream companies (pipelines, gathering systems)
 - Not many libraries
 - Pipeline and facility engineers, government compliance
- Downstream companies (refining, commercial)
 - Either standalone libraries for companies that do only downstream or smaller satellite libraries for those with downstream divisions
 - Chemical engineers, geochemists
- Oilfield service companies
 - All of the above; focused on technologies/patents

Where do MLIS graduates work other than libraries?

- In Hess (and other for-profit organizations):
 - Information Management
 - Data Management
 - Records Management/Legal
- These can be entry points or transition/promotion points
- Get in wherever you can, even if there isn't an opening in the library
- It's all about organizing "stuff" so that others can find it



Questions?
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