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Welcome to **OVERDUE**.

A couple of weeks ago, I subscribed to the American Library Association, hoping to learn more about libraries. Then, it turned out that last week was National Library Week. Why was I excited about this? Why do I care at all? Let me share a little bit about my background.

I've spent much of my career writing, editing, and curating content for enterprise companies. I love making order out of chaos, so organizing and refining content deeply appeals to me. I find joy in taking existing content and either making it easier to find or improving it in a way that makes it more valuable to readers. More than this, I love writing new content and shaping it into something instantly clear and impactful.

Through this work, I've also discovered that I love to build and maintain relationships, particularly when the goal is to make content better or build better content. You may ask, "What's so special about this?" The answer is that I am a lifelong introvert, which means that I don't go out of my way to socialize or spend extra time communicating with others. However, building relationships to make content better is something I truly enjoy, even though it feels completely counterintuitive to my introvert nature. Yes, this surprised me, too, but it truly is something I find meaningful.

"Well," you may ask, "what does this have to do with libraries?" I'm so glad that you asked. I like to read...a lot. While doing all of that reading, I have often wondered what draws people

to become librarians, and what else goes on at libraries beyond simply housing books. Earlier this year, I started looking into those questions and made some surprising discoveries, such as how libraries combine organization, information, and service. I also began to see how closely libraries align with what I already value. I've discovered that my next chapter may have been waiting for me all along: becoming a librarian.

Beginning next week, I'll be sharing more of what I've learned about libraries and librarians. Once a week for the next 11 weeks, I'll post a brief segment designed to inform, entertain, and perhaps surprise you.

This has been OVERDUE. Come back next week to keep your account in good standing.

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