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The Interns at Gettysburg College's Musselman Library captured their internship experiences since the spring of 2011. Over time the blog has featured Fortenbaugh, Smith, and Holley interns. They shared updates on semester long projects, responded to blogging prompts, and documented their individual intern experience.

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Speaking of finals and the end of the semester it has been interesting, as a Senior, to try and figure out; what next? I am applying to graduate school in Library and Information Science but I still need to get experience and some dollars in the bank. Thanks to some of the reference librarians here I have found a great site that posts a majority of the open librarian positions in each state. It is incredibly useful but at the same time it is a bit frustrating. As any Senior knows, we are over-educated and under-qualified for a vast majority of these jobs but there are some opportunities and some are close to home. The real world is looming but with this internship I do feel confident that I will be able to find a job that will provide me with experience and eventually to a job I really enjoy.

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