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Some Examples of Career Path Change:

What the literature says on career change

Our own grand adventures on the yellow brick road
In the Witch's Castle or the Emerald City: When You Really Want to be on a Farm in Kansas

**Vision vs. Reality**

Bad Fit  
Okay Fit  
These are not black and white. Even a bad fit can be a valuable, skill honing experience
*Battling the Flying Monkeys and Avoiding Twisters*

*When things don't work out:

- When others block your path.  
- When you block your own path.  
- When your path turns into a dead end.

Fight vs Flight?

Charting Change

Moving On
*If I Only a Heart/a Brain/the Nerve*

Tangible Ways to Navigate Career Change

1. Identify transferable skills
2. Convey them across environments
*Discovering Your Own 'Ruby Slippers'*

**Continuing education and training**

- Webinars
- Conferences
- Local library organizations
- In-house training
- Additional college-level course work
- Volunteering
- Self directed learning
*Glenda's Guidance*

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*Oh Great and Powerful Oz!* Professional Organizations

**National**
- ALA - the Big One  [http://www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)
- ACRL - Academic  [http://www.ala.org/acrl](http://www.ala.org/acrl)
- PLA - Public  [http://www.ala.org/pla](http://www.ala.org/pla)
- SLA - Special Libraries  [http://www.sla.org](http://www.sla.org)

**Regional/Local**
- LLA - Statewide  [http://www.lla.org](http://www.lla.org)
- LASL -  [http://www.llaconline.org/sig/last.php](http://www.llaconline.org/sig/last.php)

Your city or town's local library organization
*There's No Place Like Home!*  

- Find a way to thrive under a wide range of circumstances.
- Your experiences can be relevant across different library environments.
- Enjoy the journey but watch out for trees throwing apples!
Questions?

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