



## Jim Matarazzo

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B.S., Boston College

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### Teaching/Research Areas

Corporate and special libraries; value of special libraries; literature on the management of special libraries; demographics of librarians; knowledge management and special libraries; workforce planning; librarianship

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## Jim Matarazzo: No Secret Is Safe

Like many other LIS professionals, Matarazzo did not consider getting into LIS in his early years. “I never thought about this field when I was young. Who thinks about this field when they’re young?”

What was it that got Jim Matarazzo interested in library work?

“While I was a student at Boston College, I started to work in the science library there. I liked the work — nobody could find information, and I knew how to find things — and I also liked the head of the library. He was so enthusiastic about library work! He actually drove me to Simmons for my grad school interview, waited in the car until I was done, and then drove me back to work at BC. What a great guy.”

One reason he got into library science, Matarazzo says, is that “Helping people get the information they need is very interesting. I like secrets. Anything that’s publicly available, I’m not interested in.”

“I always knew I wanted to teach,” Matarazzo says. He says that teaching is like being on the stage. “I love public speaking, always have.” After thirty-six years of teaching and deanship, he now teaches just one course: the organization and administration of corporate libraries. “Boston is special. It’s one of the largest centers of corporate libraries in the U.S. It’s a great laboratory.”