



UNIVERSITY LIBRARY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Digital Strategies Librarian

McMaster University Library is seeking an innovative and technologically knowledgeable librarian who will provide vision and leadership in the development of a digitization strategy for McMaster University Libraries and will lead projects which will develop technologies supporting the delivery of digital library services.

Working closely with the Research Collections Librarian and the Data/GIS Librarian this position will:

- assess the technological needs and draft appropriate specifications for digital projects.
- work with project associates including collection managers and curators both on campus and in partnering institutions to analyze project requirements.
- define strategies and methods to achieve functional requirements of digital projects across a wide array of academic disciplines and facilitate the research and educational uses of digital collections by integrating educational functionalities into project design.
- coordinate the work of metadata catalogers, programmers and Research Collections and GIS staff to create procedures applicable to specific projects.
- in collaboration with Research Collections staff take an active role in the development of digital preservation strategies.
- develop grant and funding proposals in the area of digital projects.
- participate in local, provincial and national initiatives in the field of digitization.
- be active in professional associations and research related to digital libraries.

This is a full time continuing appointment reporting to the Associate University Librarian, Library and Learning Technologies.

The successful candidate must have the following:

- Masters degree in Library or Information Science from an ALA-accredited program. Also open to applicants who expect to receive a Masters degree in Library or Information Science from an ALA-accredited program by September or 2007.
- Good knowledge of IT standards and practices and emerging technologies applicable to the library environment.
- Knowledge of issues related to digitization and digital preservation.
- Service orientation.
- Excellent analytical and organizational skills, with demonstrated ability to perform workflow analyses.
- Effective verbal and written communication skills.

- Demonstrated ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with faculty, students, and colleagues.
- Demonstrated ability to meet deadlines and work independently.
- Flexible and forward-thinking approach to challenges and opportunities.
- Record of professional achievement at the local, provincial and national level.
- Web development experience.

The preferred candidate will have:

- At least 2 to 3 years experience working in library information technology in an academic research library.
- Experience managing digitization projects.
- Demonstrated skills in developing library or educational technologies, online instructional design or similar computer applications.
- Knowledge in some or all of the following is preferred: .NET framework, ASP, SQL, Java, PHP, HTML, XML, Perl, or Linux.

The appointment will be made at Level 1 or 2. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The position includes a competitive and comprehensive benefit package.

The Position Responsibility Statement is available from the Library Human Resources Office. Further information about the Library is available from its web site at <http://library.mcmaster.ca/>.

Applications must be received by February 2, 2007.

Librarians who wish to be considered for this opportunity should send their c.v. with a covering letter and the names of three references to:

Library Human Resources Office
Mills Memorial Library, Room 209
1280 Main Street West
Hamilton, Ontario L8S 4L6
Phone: 905-525-9140 ext. 24722
Fax: 905-522-0691
E-mail: libjobs@mcmaster.ca

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be considered first for this position. McMaster University is strongly committed to employment equity within its community and to recruiting a diverse faculty and staff. The University encourages applications from all qualified candidates, including women, members of visible minorities, Aboriginal persons, members of sexual minorities and persons with disabilities.