

Preservation Outreach and Education Resident Librarian - Preservation Services Unit

The University Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is seeking a Preservation Outreach and Education Resident Librarian to promote awareness and access to our Library's rich digital and physical collections, and to encourage public engagement through education related to the field of preservation and conservation of cultural heritage. This position serves as part of the leadership team within the Preservation Services Unit and reports directly to the unit head.

Specifically, this position will focus on two complementary areas: education and outreach/engagement. Through educational activities, the incumbent will seek to raise awareness of preservation in general, and to cultivate diversity in the field by teaching to young and diverse audiences throughout the campus, community, and online. The incumbent will also serve as a point of contact around our Library system and the broader campus to promote preservation efforts and to serve as a liaison to help the Unit better serve campus needs.

While it is not required that the incumbent begin with more than a strong interest in preservation, a key component of their time within the unit will be to learn how to engage various communities with a compelling field of study and library service, as well as partnering with preservation professionals who can collaborate to provide program content and field expertise.

Specific duties include but are not limited to:

- Serve as part of the leadership team within the Preservation Services Unit to help guide Unit priorities and future planning.
- Create lectures, workshops, online content, and/or curricula that establish a fundamental awareness of cultural heritage preservation for younger and diverse audiences via outreach with local museums, middle and high school art/art history classes, community programs, and/or youth arts engagement projects.
- Elevate awareness of libraries and museums as an occupational path for diverse communities, possibly through the development of internships, fellowships, or similar placements.
- Create collaborative modular teaching materials that could be used as inspiration for other Library units, and as a model for cultural heritage instruction and outreach at the k-12 level at other institutions.
- Serve as a point of contact around our Library system and campus for the area of cultural heritage preservation and digitization.
- Collaborate with Preservation staff to develop impactful social media efforts.
- Work collaboratively with a variety of stakeholders in the Preservation Unit to help develop and implement a sustainable program with available resources, or through fundraising opportunities such as grants.

Qualifications

Required:

- Master's degree from an ALA-accredited Library and Information Science program (or an equivalent degree); OR Ph.D. in a relevant field earned between 2018-2022.
 - Degree conferral for Master's or Ph.D. must be by August 2022.
- Demonstrated ability to exercise independent judgment.
- Demonstrated ability to work collegially and cooperatively with others in a team environment.
- Demonstrated excellent written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills.
- Demonstrated awareness of diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility best practices.
- Potential to contribute to the national and international reputation of the University Library through professional research, service, and collaboration with colleagues and organizations.
- Familiarity with or demonstrated interest in the area(s) of librarianship relevant to the specific residency position(s) for which the candidate is applying.

Preferred

- Demonstrated interest or experience in outreach to and engagement with varied communities, ranging from students to faculty and the general public, including both in-person and online outreach activities.
- Ability to design, develop, conduct, or assess training and outreach activities.
- Ability to work collaboratively with a variety of stakeholders in the Preservation Services Unit, the University Library, campus, and the community.
- Ability to manage multiple projects at once, set priorities, and meet deadlines.
- Background or interest in preservation, archives, rare books, digitization/digital collections, or other areas of cultural heritage access and care.