THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA LIBRARIES

Web Applications Librarian

Position Description

The University of Alabama Libraries seeks an innovative, collaborative and service-oriented librarian for the position of Web Applications Librarian. Reporting to the Head of Web Services, this position is responsible for administering and coordinating the use of research and instructional applications (LibGuides and RefWorks) and librarian-created tutorials. As part of these duties, the successful candidate will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of guidelines for our LibGuides application and mentioned tutorials. Also, the Web Applications Librarian will serve as the organization’s primary administrator of RefWorks and work to create resources and provide instruction on its use to students and faculty. In addition, this position will assist with the implementation of organizational best practices for the use of social media.

The Web Applications Librarian will work closely with public services faculty and staff throughout the University Libraries, and will also work with their Web Services colleagues on the development, maintenance, and content management of other web applications, sites, and services.

Department Information

The Web Services Department is a group of librarians and professional staff that are responsible for various web applications, sites, content, and services. Among its duties, Web Services manages the University Libraries’ EBSCO Discovery Service application, WordPress and Omeka installations, along with usability and accessibility efforts.

Duties

- Primary administrator of LibGuides with responsibility for implementation of existing guidelines;
- Library contact for RefWorks with role of providing web-based information, coordinating instruction, and assisting with marketing the application to campus users;
- Responsible for oversight of existing best practices for online tutorials created by librarians throughout the organization;
- Work with colleagues to implement existing guidelines for managing social media;
- Participate in the development, maintenance, and content management of web applications, sites, and services;
- Work with the new applications as needed.

Required qualifications

- Master’s degree in Library & Information Sciences from an ALA-accredited program or advanced degree in Instructional Technology or comparable field from an accredited institution;
- Experience working in or closely with public services;
- Demonstrable experience creating course and/or subject guides via LibGuides or comparable application;
• Ability to successfully initiate, track, and manage projects;
• Awareness of emerging technologies and how they can be utilized in an academic library;
• Working knowledge of HTML and CSS;
• Excellent interpersonal, communication, and customer service skills and the ability to interact effectively with faculty, students and staff.

Preferred Qualifications
• Experience providing reference/instructional services in an academic library setting, teaching experience, or knowledge of instructional methods;
• Experience in developing tutorials;
• Experience with managing social media for a business, group, and/or organization;
• Experience with any of the following content management systems: WordPress, Drupal, Omeka.

Environment:
The University of Alabama is located in Tuscaloosa, a growing community with a population of 80,000 residents, approximately 45 minutes southwest of Birmingham. The campus is noted for its historical architecture, traditions, and Natural History Museum. Current enrollment is approximately 30,000 FTE. The community and surrounding area offer a broad range of cultural and recreational activities. The University Libraries maintains memberships in the Association of Research Libraries, the Center for Research Libraries, the Coalition for Networked Information, Lyrasis, the Associate of Southeastern Research Libraries, and the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries. As a U.S. Government Documents Regional Depository, Gorgas Library serves Alabama libraries and the public. The Libraries’ homepage may be accessed at http://www.lib.ua.edu.

Salary/Benefits:
Full-time position for non-tenure-earning renewable appointment of up to three years (annual renewal based upon satisfactory performance review, need, and funding). Competitive salary. Excellent benefits. Moving allowance may be available.

To Apply:
Please apply online at www.facultyjobs.ua.edu. A letter of application, resume, and names, address, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three references should be included.

Applications will be considered as received. Final date for full consideration is September 30, 2013.

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