



PUBLIC FELLOWS PROGRAM

Job Title:	Assistant Director, Digital Initiatives and Services
Organization:	Newberry Library
Department/Office:	Digital Initiatives
Location:	Chicago, IL
Stipend:	\$55,000 per year with health insurance for fellow and additional benefits
Start Date:	July 2, 2012

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

The Newberry Library, open to the public without charge, is an independent research library dedicated to the advancement and dissemination of knowledge, especially in the humanities. The Newberry acquires and preserves a broad array of special collections research materials relating to the civilizations of Europe and the Americas. It promotes and provides for their effective use, fostering research, teaching, publication, and life-long learning, as well as civic engagement. In service to its diverse community, the Newberry encourages intellectual pursuit in an atmosphere of free inquiry and sustains the highest standards of collection preservation, bibliographic access, and reader services.

The Newberry is in the midst of multiple ongoing, technology-based activities, including developing a digital asset management system, determining how to manage and preserve born-digital assets, producing digital publications and online exhibitions for scholarly and general audiences, and more. The responsibilities of this position will involve engagement with all of these developments, and with the Newberry's scholarly and public mission, collections, and multiple audiences.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Assistant Director, Digital Initiatives and Services will play an instrumental role in helping the Newberry conceive an integrated digital strategy for research and learning in the humanities. The Assistant Director will work in tandem with members of the Newberry's Digital Leadership Team as well as other staff members in Library Services, Research and Academic Programs, and Communications to:

- help the library move from individual digital publishing projects to a set of programs growing out of an evolving institutional strategy;
- conceive and implement social media activities that build communities and create platforms for conversations around library collections, cataloging initiatives, and research projects.

The Newberry seeks an Assistant Director, Digital Initiatives and Services who has interest in how digital technologies and social media are transforming research libraries, publishing, and scholarship in the humanities. Applicants should have the ability to think creatively about ways the Newberry might maximize the impact of existing digital publications and initiatives. S/he will actively help the Newberry

chart a course for moving from a library with individual digital humanities projects to an integrated program of initiatives appropriate to a humanities library in the digital age.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Ph.D. in the humanities or humanistic social sciences.
- Understanding of opportunities and challenges of humanities organizations in a digital age.
- Knowledge of trends in digital humanities scholarship.
- Ability to assess and evaluate emerging technologies in digital humanities.
- Experience in non-profit cultural organizations or research libraries highly desirable
- Excellent writing and research skills.
- Exceptional project management skills.
- Ability to meet deadlines and move multiple projects forward simultaneously.
- Ability to participate constructively in the development of grant applications.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.

APPLICATIONS

- Information on the ACLS Public Fellows Program: www.acls.org/programs/publicfellows
- Have to be submitted through the ACLS Online Fellowship Application system (ofa.acls.org)
- Application deadline: Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 6pm EDT

This position is *only* available through the ACLS Public Fellows program.
You may *not* contact the host institution to inquire about this position.