

TITLE: Cataloging Librarian

COMPANY: LA Law Library

FULL/PART TIME: Full Time

SCHEDULE: 8AM – 4:45PM, Monday-Friday

SALARY: Commensurate with experience plus excellent benefits.

ABOUT LA LAW LIBRARY

LA Law Library is a vibrant community education center in Los Angeles County and a leader in providing public access to legal knowledge, putting national and international sources of law into the hands of those seeking legal information. In addition to acting as the curator and cultivator of a superior collection of legal resources comprised of nearly one million volume equivalents -- including one of the nation's largest foreign and international law collections, LA Law Library serves as a gateway to legal information and a navigator facilitating access to the legal system for those who do not have or cannot afford legal representation.

Our staff serves more than 50 thousand patrons annually, both nationally and globally, and the number continues to grow daily as new programs and workshops are developed with the assistance of our many partners to provide innovative legal research technology and services.

POSITION INFORMATION

The LA Law Library is currently seeking an innovative and energetic librarian to provide original and complex cataloging for materials across the library. Under the general supervision of the Director of Collection Management Services, the Cataloging Librarian is responsible for creating and maintaining a current catalog of the Library's world class collection in order to describe the Library's holdings and provide accurate access for users. Working collaboratively, this full time librarian position will perform original and copy cataloging, oversee maintenance of records for electronic/print materials, and ensure prompt access to newly acquired resources. This position requires a dynamic, self-motivated individual who is committed to process improvement and is flexible and forward-thinking.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Maintains current and accurate catalog of the Library's collection

- Catalogs library materials, original and copy, including description, classification, subject analysis and authority work demonstrating thorough understanding of Cataloging policies and procedures in order to exercise independent judgments in decisions.
- Performs original and copy cataloging for all formats, including print, non-print, and digital resources - ensuring compliance with national and local standards, such as, MARC21, RDA, AACR2, CONSER, NACO, LCSH, OCLC, and LC cataloging and classification practices and other appropriate cataloging and metadata standards.
- Coordinates cataloging processes, procedures and statistics, participating with library colleagues in developing use of appropriate standards and quality assurance workflows for all collections.
- Searches bibliographic databases and utilizes the record creation and maintenance features.
- Creates and modifies local holdings and item records interpreting various national and local policies and procedures.

- Performs continuous review of the catalog and its authority databases to implement changes and maintenance of data.
- Performs retrospective conversion of designated materials.
- Prepares related statistics.
- Other duties as assigned.

Assists the Director of Collection Management Services in coordinating work activities of other Cataloging staff

- Proof reads work performed by Cataloging Department staff.
- Initiates and coordinates maintenance of cataloging data.
- Revises the work of other Cataloging Staff.
- Assists with preparation, review and revision of departmental procedures and forms.
- Assists with training of new hires, library externs and other volunteers

Participates in professional activities (approx. 5% of time)

- Continues professional reading and writing activities in the law library or cataloging arena.
- Stays up to date on library trends, national standards and Voyager enhancements.
- Represents the Library at various meetings and conferences.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- A graduate degree from a school accredited by the American Library Association or any equivalent combination of education, training and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities.
- Broad knowledge of cataloging and metadata workflows and services; knowledge of MARC21, RDA, AACR2, CONSER, NACO, LCSH, and LC classification.
- Ability to search and utilize OCLC in Connexion Client, RDA Toolkit, Classification Web, Cataloger's Desktop.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Aptitude for complex, analytical, detailed work.
- Significant experience working with bibliographic data bases, utilizing the record creation and maintenance features.
- Knowledge of basic statistics.
- Working knowledge of an integrated library system such as Ex Libris Voyager.
- Ability to work in a team environment with diverse staff to achieve the Department's goals.
- Ability to plan, coordinate and implement projects.
- Ability to exercise sound judgment and make independent decisions in accordance with established policies and procedures related to cataloging.
- Working knowledge in one or more foreign languages.

BENEFITS

LA Law Library currently offers a comprehensive benefits package including California Public Employees Retirement System (pension program), choice of 10 medical insurance plans, dental and vision insurance plans, paid leave accruals, 13 paid holidays, life and long-term disability insurance, 457 Deferred Compensation plan, Flexible Spending Account (FSA); as well as a transportation allowance/reimbursement program for using public transit or free parking if you drive.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

LA Law Library is an equal opportunity employer. It does not discriminate against qualified employees or applicants based on race, color, religion, sex, gender identity, pregnancy, national origin, ancestry, citizenship status, age, marital status, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, sexual orientation, military or veteran status, genetic information, or any other characteristic protected by applicable state or federal law. Equal employment opportunity will be extended to all persons in all terms and conditions of employment.

To apply for this position, please send a resume and cover letter to Careers252@lalawlibrary.org. To view other job openings please visit our website at www.lalawlibrary.org/CAREERS.