

LISA INFOLINK

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Assistantships Open to LISV Students

Applications are open for three research assistantships. Each research assistant will work 10 hours per week during the 10 weeks of each academic quarter. Assistantships will be awarded each quarter, but may be renewed for up to two years. Each research assistant will be compensated with a tuition waiver for one three-hour course or a \$750 stipend (\$7.50/hour). Qualifications include: enrollment in LISV courses toward a master's degree in library and information services; excellent communication skills (verbal and written); a working familiarity with Microsoft

Windows and word processing and spreadsheet software, a working familiarity with--or willingness to learn--database, presentation, and statistical software; and, most importantly, a desire to become an important member of a strongly service-oriented team.

These positions are open to all students pursuing a master's degree in library and information services at DU. Interviews for these positions will be conducted by Lynn Silipigni Connaway, LISV Director, and Keith Curry Lance, LRS Director, and will be scheduled between July 17

and July 30, 1996. Applications may be made in writing to: Keith Curry Lance, Director, Library Research Service, 2327 E. Evans, Denver, CO 80208, fax (303) 871-4877.

Applications should be limited to a letter (no more than two pages) describing the applicant's qualifications, a sample of the applicant's writing (for example, a paper written for a class or a report written for a library), and a printed sample of the applicant's skills with one or more of the above-mentioned types of software.

LISV-LRS Partnership Links Students to Research

The July 1, 1996 partnering of LISV with the Library Research Service (LRS) affords the LISV program direct access to one of only five centers for library research in the United States. The LRS, directed by

Keith Curry Lance, Ph.D., is a unit of the State Library and Adult Education Office in the Colorado Department of Education. Lance also teaches the required LISV research methods course.

Lance will team with LISV Director Lynn Silipigni Connaway, Ph.D. to coordinate and supervise research projects in the library and information science discipline. The LRS will also coordinate student capstone projects.

Over the door of a library in Thebes is the inscription

“Medicine for the Soul”.

- *Diodorus Siculus*

Occupational Outlook Handbook Provides Library Salary Information

Following is an excerpt from the most

recent Occupational Outlook

Handbook concerning librarian

salaries:

“Salaries of librarians vary by the individual’s qualifications and the type, size, and location of the library.

“According to a survey by the American Library Association, the average salary of children’s librarians in academic and public libraries was \$35,000 in 1995; reference/information librarians averaged \$35,600; cataloguers and classifiers earned \$36,300; and department heads earned

\$42,000. Library directors had an average salary of \$58,200. Beginning

librarians with a master’s degree but no professional experience averaged \$28,300 in 1995.

“According to the Educational Research Service, experienced librarians in public schools averaged about \$40,400 during the 1994-95 school year.

“According to the Special Libraries association, 1994 salaries for special librarians with 2 years or less of library experience averaged \$31,100, and those with 3 to 5 years of experience averaged \$35,200. Salaries for special librarians with primarily

administrative responsibilities averaged \$54,600.

“Salaries for medical librarians with 1 year or less experience averaged \$25,300 in 1994, according to the Medical Library Association. The average salary for all medical librarians was \$38,000.

“The average annual salary for all librarians in the Federal Government in nonsupervisory, supervisory, and managerial positions was \$48,200 in 1995.”

- Contributed by Katherine Kent

Penrose Holdings Include Library Trade Journals

Current subscriptions of the following journals are available for students in the DU Penrose Library Reserve section (1st floor). Students may browse through these journals but may not check them out.

- *Library & Archival Security*
- *Library HiTech*
- *Library HiTech News*

- *Library Hotline*
- *Library & Information Science Research*
- *Library Instruction Round Table News*
- *Library Issues*
- *Library Journal*
- *Library of Congress Information Bulletin*
- *Library Resources & Technical Services*

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

June saw the changing of the guard in the LISA Executive Board. LISA’s first Board moved quietly aside and handed the “conn” over to--well--me. I seem to have a knack these days for moving to the front of things.

Actually, I might be sitting in the captain’s chair, but as anyone who ever watched “Star Trek” knows, Kirk bosses a lot of people into doing things which he decides need doing. Am I Kirk? You’ll have to ask the officers who got elected to serve with me.

We are particularly graced with the return of Emily Guldly for a second term as Secretary. She has proven thus far to provide a sense of continuity to what we do. I’d also like to welcome Barbara Tillmans to the fray. Barbara may never forgive herself for calling me one day with project ideas. Then there is Marti Cox, Programming Coordinator extraordinaire. We can’t announce yet what Marti has already done for you. When you find out it will rock your world. Finally, Bobbi Kramer is holding the purse strings. Better her than me. Give me an angry Klingon to balancing registers any day.

- Gina M. Vick, President

Alumni Update

This new section of LISA INFOLINK is devoted to guest columnists from among the alumni of the former University of Denver library program. The featured alumna was asked to write briefly on a topic of professional interest.

The Future of Federal Publications

by Allison Cowgill

The U.S. Federal Depository Library Program was created and refined by various public laws in the 1800's to ensure widespread public access to information about and publications by federal agencies. Last December, the Superintendent of Documents published *The Electronic Depository Library Program: Transition Plan FY 1996 - FY 1998* which proposed that almost all federal information will be issued in electronic formats, CD-ROM, or online by 1998. This radical change in information dissemination will dramatically affect everyone who provides or uses materials published by federal agencies.

Although the implementation timetable now has been extended to 2001, this proposal is a very hot topic in library circles and was the focus of the Spring 1996 Depository Library Council Meeting and Federal Depository Conference held in Arlington, Virginia last April. There are many serious issues that need to be addressed including:

- Congressional funding for the Government Printing Office;
- Local fundings for libraries to support electronic dissemination;
- Public access to electronic information;
- Cataloging, indexing and bibliographic control of electronic information;
- Preservation of electronic information;
- Training for library staffs;
- Training for library users;
- Library equipment necessary for electronic information.

While increasing amounts of government information will be issued in electronic formats in the upcoming months, it is important to remember the drastic change of releasing almost all of it electronically is still a proposal. Information users and the library community can still affect how this is enacted. Debate will continue throughout the summer, and Congressional representatives will certainly hear from people most affected by this dramatic change.

Allison Cowgill finished her master's degree in library science at the University of Denver in 1977. She has worked at the Three Rivers Library System, the University of Colorado Libraries, Boulder, and the Nevada State Library and Archives. She is currently a social sciences reference librarian at the University of Denver.

The Alumni Update will be a regular feature in upcoming issues.

Career Development Seminar Offered

Dr. Camila Alire, Director of Auraria Library, will lead a two-part seminar entitled "Putting Your Best Foot Forward: Job Search Strategies." The first part of this seminar will be held at a time to be announced in the first half of September. The second phase will be held in October.

PHASE I

The first phase of this seminar will include a presentation on how to market yourself as a library and information management professional. It will cover effective resume writing, cover letter writing and interview skills. Students

interested in the second half of this seminar must have completed the first half.

PHASE II

In the second meeting, students will be teamed up with area library administrators for mock interviews. The student will have a chance to submit a resume for a pretend job opening and will interview for the job. The interviewer will then provide feedback and suggestions for improving one's interviewing performance.

GET SIGNED UP NOW

This will be an excellent

opportunity to get degree-specific job search advice. In order to attend the first section students need to be **signed up in advance**. The seminar will likely be canceled if less than 20 students are pre-registered.

In order to plan for the seminar, interested students please fill out the form below and return to:

Gina M. Vick
2095 S. Pennsylvania St.
Denver, CO 80210
gmv@netcom.com

ALIRE SEMINAR INTEREST FORM

_____ Sign me up for the seminar "Putting Your Best Foot Forward". I understand that the seminar is in two parts and that I must attend the first lecture in September to participate in mock interviews.

_____ I'm not ready to get signed up yet but please get more information to me.

Name

Address

Email Address _____

Phone Number (important)

work _____ It's ok to contact me here _____
home _____ It's ok to contact me here _____

I am most interested in the following aspects of the seminar:

- _____ Resume and cover letter preparation for library-related professionals
- _____ Interview techniques for library-related professionals
- _____ The mock interviews

UCol Co-Hosts Internet Forum

University College's Division of Information Technology, in conjunction with the *Denver Business Journal*, will be hosting an Internet Forum from 8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 3, 1996. The Forum will address realistic strategies for integrating the Internet into business. Speakers will present information on new and emerging Internet technologies and applications, as well as marketing, security, and development issues.

Participants will join concurrent afternoon breakout sessions to discuss corporate strategy, technology, or content and design issues. LISV Director Lynn Silipigni Connaway

will be one of the facilitators for the breakout sessions.

Keynote presentations include:

“The Internet--Now and the Future”, *Guy K. Cook*, CEO, Colorado SuperNet Inc. Mr. Cook will review the rapid development of the Internet infrastructure and the tool sets enabling advanced applications.

“Internet, A Strategic Business Development Opportunity--Integrating Business with Technology”, *David D. Barrett*, Vice President, Information Technology INVESCO Funds Group, Inc. Mr. Barrett will examine the business development opportunity of the Internet, focusing on the need for

senior management to understand what the technology is capable of doing and to become involved now with strategically directing the on-going evolution of its Internet services.

The Forum will be held at the Marriott Denver Tech Center, 4900 S. Syracuse Street, Englewood, Colorado. Cost of the seminar is \$30 for DU students in advance, or \$50 for students at the door. Early registration deadline is July 31, 1996. To register call 871-2291 or send payment to: Holly Price, University College, 2211 S. Josephine St., Denver, CO 80208.

Conferences

August 15-18, 1996

CLA/CEMA Conference

Auraria Campus, Denver

See attached flyer for more information and registration form.

August 22-25, 1996

Reforma National Library Conference

Exhibit Hall 1--Austin Convention Center

Austin, Texas

For information or to register contact:

ALA-REFORMA National Conference

50 East Huron Street

Chicago, IL 60611

Inquiries 1-800-545-2433 x 2460

TOPIC: The preconference institute on Thursday, August 22, 1996 will be a half-day seminar on Latinos and the Information Superhighway. The discussion will address: Will Latinos become part of the “have nots” in the new information society? Are Latinos being redlined out of the telecommunications debate?

REFORMA promotes improved library services to the more than 20 million Latinos in the United States. More than sixty-five programs are scheduled for librarians, educators, support staff, policy makers and the community at large. While the programs provide many opportunities for stimulating discussion and learning, the Conference brings together information professionals and experts in other fields of public policy impacting the Latino/Hispanic community.

REGISTRATION: The advance registration form is attached

with information on joining REFORMA at a student rate.

October 13-16, 1996

ARMA International 41st Annual Conference

Denver Marriott City Center

Denver, Colorado

For information or to register contact:

1-800-422-2762, or fax 913-341-3742. Internet site

available at <http://arma.org/hq>, email

76015.3151@compuserve.com. Registration deadline is

August 26, 1996.

TOPIC: Join over 5,000 Records and Information Management (RIM) professionals at the industry's premier conference and exposition--the ARMA International 41st Annual Conference.

This year's conference with its theme of “Exploring the RIM Frontier,” promises to offer information-packed sessions on issues that are key to your career, your current situation, and the exciting future of RIM. Frontiers are conquered by shared resources and technological advances. This conference will provide solid insights to help safeguard your future by keeping your work experience, your skills and your adaptability as up-to-date as possible. Hear the latest information on the following topics: electronic signatures, e-mail policy implementation, image documents admissibility, micrographics systems selection, and international records management issues.

REGISTRATION: Call the above number for information, a Conference Program Book, and fees.

Career Development

Career Counselor Available to LISV

Wendy Wendover of the DU Career Center, located in Driscoll Center on the lower level underneath the bookstore, is available to meet with

students in the LISV program to discuss career preparation and introduce students to the Career Center resources. Wendy is the

primary advisor for students of University College. To make an appointment call 871-2150.

Colorado State Library: ACLIN Jobline

Current ACLIN jobline postings were not available for inclusion into LISA INFOLINK. Students may listen to the jobline at 866-6741. Students interested in being placed on the ACLIN jobline mailing list may follow the instructions at the end of

the jobline message or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the current week to:
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax, Room 309
Denver, CO 80203-1704
Students may subscribe to a series of

weekly jobline updates by sending a *set of mailing labels and first-class stamps* (1 each for every update you wish to receive). If you wish to receive multiple mailings of the jobline the Colorado State Library requests that you *do not* submit complete SASEs.

ALA Website Hosts National Job Postings

Visit the American Library Association home page to review national job postings. The URL is <http://www.ala.org> Once at the home page, click on "ALANow" and scroll down the menu for "Job Postings".

Denver Public Library Jobline: (303) 640-6267

Mountain Plains Library Ass'n Jobline: 1-800-356-7820

JOB POSTINGS

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

(unpaid internship)

Littleton Academy seeks guidance in establishing a library for its students, grades K-8. Any individual with, or working towards, a degree in Library Sciences (or comparable) willing to assist volunteer group possessing only rudimentary knowledge of Library Information Services gratefully welcomed. Services would be consultative in nature. We'll do the legwork if you'll supply the know-how. No monetary compensation is available; only the opportunity for supervisory experience and the unique chance to be involved in the creation of Littleton's premier charter public school. If interested, please contact Michelle Carmony at 770-4933 or Toni Sexton at 694-6767.

Art Reference Librarian

The Captiva Corporation is seeking a Librarian or Library program student to inventory, organize and catalogue the Spanish Colonial section of the art reference library. The library consists of 50-100 books, magazines and auction catalogs pertaining to the art collection of Jan and Frederick Mayer.

This is a temporary, project basis position paying

\$6.00/hour. The hours/week as well as the work schedule can be flexible within regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8-5. Knowledge of Spanish would be helpful, but is not required. Captiva's office is located in the downtown area. Parking is not provided.

Please contact Ann Daley, curator of the collection, at 839-5503 for more information.

Penrose - GovDocs

Position #: 216001028
Job Title/Grade: Library Assistant III--
Nonexempt 36
Department: Penrose Library
Hiring Rate: \$7.00-\$7.88/hr (depending on experience)
Full-time: Monday-Friday
Closes: July 19, 1996

Duties: Processing Government Documents; mark and label all material; data entry of SuDoc numbers into a database; shelve all documents throughout the library; handle claims for documents; repair documents and prepare documents for binding. Assigns duties and supervises one full-time Library Assistant II and one part-time hourly student. Other duties (special projects) as assigned by the supervisor.



Qualifications: Previous library experience preferred and some familiarity with government documents. Familiarity with Microsoft Word, Excel, and Access preferred. Familiarity with Internet applications and hypertext mark-up language (html) strongly desired. Must be able to work

independently on continuing projects. Attention to detail is very important. Supervisory experience preferred. Accurate typing speed of 35+ wpm required. A typing test is required. For more information please call 871-2007.

Penrose - ILL

Position #: xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Job Title/Grade: Library Assistant II--
Nonexempt 36
Department: Penrose Library
Hiring Rate: \$6.40-\$6.70/hr (depending on
experience)
Full-time: Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5 p.m.,
one day until 7:00 p.m.
Closes: July 19, 1996

Duties: Oversees and conducts borrowing and lending functions, departmental bookkeeping, copyright compliance. Ensure compliance with copyright laws, initiate permissions procedures, maintain statistics on a daily basis. Check email daily for Zap and other transmittals and feed into ILL system. Fax requests and documents. Perform basic accounting functions, assist with the preparation of Accounts Payable vouchers, prepare checks for deposit, and maintain departmental ledger. Assist in interpreting ILL policies to library users. Responsible for department in absence of supervisor. Other duties as assigned. Qualifications: Previous library experience preferred; good communication skills; familiarity with online databases; ability to follow established procedures and to perform work requiring considerable detail; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with Library personnel and users. Knowledge of equipment such as microcomputers, fax machines, photocopiers, laser printers, and digital scanners. Ability to perform shelving functions which require stooping, bending, kneeling, and lifting up to 35 pounds; knowledge of Windows based software preferred; ability to type 40 wpm; and good attention to detail. For more information call 871-2007.

A library, to modify the famous metaphor of Socrates, should be the delivery room for the birth of ideas--a place where history comes to life.

- Norman Cousins