



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
LIBRARY

Makerspace Librarian - Full Time Continuing

Simon Fraser University Library invites applications for a Makerspace Librarian.

Reporting to the Head of Access Services, this full-time continuing position will develop and provide the services of the new SFU Library Maker and Media Commons, with the goal of fostering creative educational communities and practices. The SFU Library Maker and Media Commons is a new facility that is scheduled to open in the Summer of 2019. The incumbent will be an entrepreneurial and innovative individual with excellent communication and collaboration skills, and will play a crucial role in setting the course and direction of the Maker and Media Commons.

The incumbent's areas of responsibility will include program, service and technology planning and provision; promotion and outreach to students and faculty; liaison with librarians and Library Systems, Facilities, and other staff; selection, training and mentoring of student staff; and liaising with academic departments, university units, external partners, and student groups.

This position will be attractive to an adaptable, individual with a user-centered focus; one who is highly motivated to learn and embrace new technologies and provide services to faculty and students in support of creative, transformative scholarship and education.

SETTING

We acknowledge the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumíxw (Squamish), xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), sə́lilwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh), qíćəy̓ (Katzie), and kʷíkʷəłəm (Kwkwetlem) peoples, on whose traditional territories Simon Fraser University's three campuses stand. By recognizing the Unceded Traditional Coast Salish territories, we aspire to create space for reconciliation through dialogue and decolonizing practices.

Ranked by respected national surveys as one of Canada's top three comprehensive universities for the past 20 years, Simon Fraser University has also been consistently named one of British Columbia's Top Employers in recent years, as well as one of Canada's Top 100 employers, and one of Canada's top family-friendly employers. SFU offers more than 100 undergraduate major and joint major programs and more than 45 graduate offerings, spanning many disciplines in eight faculties, and has an international reputation for its innovative interdisciplinary and professional programs. The main, WAC Bennett Library is located on the Burnaby campus, while the Samuel and Frances Belzberg Library is on the Vancouver campus, and Fraser Library is at SFU Surrey.

The SFU Library is known for the development and implementation of innovative technology, leadership in Open Access, and excellent in-person and online user services. We serve an ethnically diverse student population, most of whom live off-campus and work part-time while attending university. SFU Library collaborates broadly with other institutions through membership in the Canadian Association of Research Libraries, the Association of Research Libraries, and regional consortia. For more information, see our web site at <http://www.lib.sfu.ca/>.

The SFU Library commits to a continuous process of transformation to advance equity, diversity, and inclusion and to serve the cause of social justice. The [Library's Statement on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion](#) provides more information.

ASSIGNMENT

- In collaboration with University stakeholders, develop a vision for the Maker and Media Commons that is community-based, transformative, interdisciplinary, and aligned with SFU Library's Strategic Plan;
- In coordination with the Head of Access Services, plan, create, advocate for, deliver, and promote sustainable makerspace resources and services aligned to the interests and needs of students and faculty;
- Coordinate all aspects of services and use of facilities for the Maker and Media Commons;
- Liaise and collaborate with a wide variety of individuals and groups within the library, at the university, and in the community;
- Develop, coordinate and maintain policies, services, and training for users of media applications, 3D printing, laser cutting, electronics, letterpress and other equipment;
- Supervise student staff, including selecting, training, managing, and mentoring;
- Develop effective outreach and engagement strategies for SFU and external makerspace users;
- Advance the values and goals outlined in the [Library's Strategic Plan](#);
- Perform other duties as assigned or required.

QUALIFICATIONS

Required:

- MLIS or equivalent from an accredited institution;
- Experience with some combination of video and audio production, 3D printing technology, or DIY electronics and related tools;
- Demonstrated experience developing and delivering instruction for individuals and groups from varied experiential and educational backgrounds.
- Demonstrated skills in leadership and community-building;
- Demonstrated ability to learn, adapt, and work effectively in a collegial team environment;
- Ability to recognize, respect and work effectively with individuals and groups with diverse perspectives and backgrounds;
- Excellent interpersonal and intercultural communication skills, both orally and written.

Desired:

- Degree or coursework in Digital Media, Computing Science, Digital Humanities, or other relevant field of study;
- Demonstrated awareness of trends in research libraries and post-secondary education;
- Demonstrated technological literacy, preferably through experience working in makerspace or media production environments;
- Experience developing and promoting services aligned with academic curriculum;
- Experience recruiting, training, and supervising student staff;
- Demonstrated ability to effectively manage and coordinate projects;
- Experience in grant-writing or advocacy for new and innovative projects.

TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

This is a full time continuing Librarian position, beginning as soon as possible.

Librarians are members of the SFU Faculty Association. Terms, conditions and benefits of employment are outlined in the Collective Agreement:

<http://www.sfu.ca/content/dam/sfu/faculty-relations/home/CA.pdf>

The successful applicant will be appointed at a salary level commensurate with their experience and qualifications. SFU Librarian salary scales can be viewed here

<https://www.sfu.ca/content/dam/sfu/faculty-relations/collective-agreement/July%201%202018%20Scale%20Sep%207%202018.pdf>

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Simon Fraser University is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from qualified candidates of all genders, visible minorities, persons of First Nations, Inuit, or Métis heritage, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ2SIA+ identified persons.

Under the authority of the University Act, personal information that is required by the University for academic appointment competitions will be collected. For further details see:

http://www.sfu.ca/vpacademic/faculty_openings/Collection_Notice.html

TO APPLY

To be given assured consideration applications must be submitted by email in one consolidated PDF document with cover letter and curriculum vitae by 9:00 AM PDT on February 19, 2019 to:

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