WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SYSTEM DALNET Project Leader for System Migration

Wayne State University (WSU) is the host site for the Detroit Area Library Network (DALNET) Online System. This computer system is shared by 21 academic, public, and professional libraries and provides access to more than 8 million items through an online catalog of 4.5 million records and index/abstract databases with over 13 million records. Currently, library staff in the WSU Technical Services and Systems Department manage the DALNET Online System and support its daily operations.

Contract negotiations are in process to replace the NOTIS software currently used by DALNET with a Horizon client/server system to be based at Wayne State and the Detroit Public Library (DPL). DALNET's system migration project is expected to take two years. It will provide the foundation for a metropolitan information hub for the member libraries that includes digitized special collections as well as traditional library catalogs and indexes. For more information, see DALNET's web page at http://www.lib.wayne.edu/dalnet/.

DALNET, through Wayne State University as its fiscal agent, seeks candidates with credentials to qualify for the rank of Librarian II or III for a full-time librarian position as a DALNET Project Leader on a two year contract beginning in Summer 1998.

Wayne State University is a Carnegie I Research University with a demonstrated commitment to teaching and learning excellence. The University's enrollment of 31,000 students (20,000 undergraduates) makes it the 21st largest university in the United States. The University is located in an attractive urban setting, surrounded by museums, theaters and corporate offices easily accessible from several Detroit area interstate freeways and Canada. The University Library System includes five libraries, media services, and a graduate library science program.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The DALNET Project Leader will be responsible for overseeing the migration from Ameritech's NOTIS library management system to its Horizon library information system for 20 of the DALNET member libraries. Responsible to the DALNET Steering Committee, the DALNET Project Leader will work together with the Ameritech Project Leader and the DALNET member libraries' project managers to develop the project implementation plan, manage resources, coordinate project teams, and monitor and report on progress. The DALNET Project Leader reports to the WSU Director of Technical Services and Systems on a day-to-day basis.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Develops the DALNET Online System migration plan; incorporates official changes; establishes and coordinates project implementation teams with systems staff from WSU and DPL as well as staff from DALNET member libraries; monitors and reports on progress toward objectives; obtains final sign-off on project milestones including acceptance testing; monitors budget allocations; acts as primary liaison with the Ameritech Project Leader and with the DALNET member libraries' project managers to establish and maintain effective communication; manages Horizon system enhancement projects including systems analysis, specifications development with users, and testing; prepares written and oral project reports for the DALNET Steering Committee, Ameritech, and DALNET libraries' project managers; and performs other related duties as assigned. Travel to DALNET libraries in metropolitan Detroit area will be required.

QUALIFICATIONS

Required: Masters degree from an ALA-accredited library school; at least three years professional experience in library automation; experience with project management; excellent verbal and written communication skills; excellent organizational and interpersonal skills, including negotiation; leadership abilities; and credentials to qualify for a Librarian II or III classification with the University Library System.

Qualifications for Librarian II Rank:

- Demonstrated ability to carry out competently the range of professional library functions pertaining to the primary assigned area of librarianship.
- Evidence of the ability to work well independently, to make sound decisions and to have constructive/productive interaction with colleagues.
- Potential for continuing professional growth.

Qualifications for Librarian III Rank:

- Excellence in job performance and professional achievement, e.g., identifiable
 contributions to the development of librarianship in terms of the services and
 activities of a particular library or of libraries in general. Examples are significant
 innovation with respect to the library's collections, services or methods; participation
 in significant cooperative projects through professional organizations or otherwise.
- Appointment at this level is based on the applicant's cumulative professional record rather than on any single accomplishment.
- Must have achieved recognition within the profession; public service which benefits the profession or the community is also considered important.

Preferred: Experience implementing or managing an integrated library system; experience with Horizon or other UNiX or client/server library system; experience with a library consortium; experience with systems analysis, developing specifications and beta testing; and facility with project management, presentation and other desktop productivity software.

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SALARY AND BENEFITS

\$45,000 minimum, 22 days vacation per year, University holidays and excellent fringe benefits, including TIAA/CREF or Fidelity.

APPLICATION

Consideration of applicants will begin on _______, 1998 and will proceed until the position is filled. Please mail or FAX a letter of interest, resume, and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of at least three references to:

Judith March-Adams, Assistant Dean for Human Resources, Wayne State University Library System, 3100 Undergraduate Library, Detroit, MI 48202. FAX: 313/577-5525.

Candidate will be notified before references are contacted.

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