

The Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center at the Boston Public Library seeks a Curator of Maps to provide the intellectual leadership and depth of knowledge to direct the curatorial functions to deliver on the organization's greater emphasis on K-12 and public education and enduring commitment to research and the acquisition and stewardship of cartographic materials.

ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

The Leventhal Map & Education Center (Map & Education Center) has recently added 'Education' to its name and refreshed its mission statement to:

"The Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center at the Boston Public Library develops programs which inspire curiosity and learning among people of all ages by using cartographic materials to illuminate history, geography, world cultures, science, and contemporary issues."

The Map & Education Center, an independent nonprofit organization with its own board of directors and eight person staff, uses maps to tell stories and educate people of all ages, young and old. The Map & Education Center does this by developing exhibits and hosting lectures on-site and off-site, creating and disseminating K-12 lesson plans, training teachers, and digitizing its collections to maximize its access and reach. The partnership and collaboration with the Boston Public Library is vital to Map & Education Center's impact, reach, and influence.

Additional information about the Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center may be found at www.leventhalmap.org

ROLE SUMMARY

The new Curator of Maps will direct all intellectual, cartographic and historical content and activities for the organization. This position will serve as a thought partner to the President on the direction of the institution; lead the curating and mounting of exhibitions in the Leventhal Map Gallery and offsite venues; direct acquisition, preservation, cataloging, digitization, and research/reference services for the cartographic collection in close coordination with the staff of the Boston Public Library; serve as a partner and resource to the Director of Education and education staff on the content of K-12 and public educational programs; and actively participate in fundraising activities.

The Curator of Maps manages a Cataloging & Reference Librarian and a GIS Map Librarian who supervises several part-time interns. The curatorial team moves forward initiatives and services in the areas of Exhibitions, Education, Gallery Management, Web Initiatives, Geospatial & Digital Technologies, Collections, and Reference & Research. The Curator of Maps works in tandem with the Director of Education to create curriculum-related programs for K-12 schoolchildren and teachers, and opportunities for a diverse public community to be inspired to learn about and through maps, including on the extensive website leventhalmap.org.

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

- Cartographic Scholarship
- Passion to Engage and Educate Through Maps
- Technology Innovation
- Special Collections Expertise
- Dynamic and Entrepreneurial
- Collaborative Relationship Management

OTHER QUALITIES

- A Ph.D. or equivalent experience highly preferred, at a minimum, one or more Master's degree from an accredited college, university, or American Library Association-accredited school is required.
- Ability to interpret and execute Boston Public Library policy, understanding and interest in the development of Library resources and services, including helping define the role of the Leventhal Map & Education Center within the Boston Public Library.
- Experience with digitized maps, georeferencing, geospatial technologies, and cartographic software and library reference and research services focused on cartographic materials. Knowledge of online bibliographic databases, such as WorldCat, JSTOR, OAlster, etc. Familiarity with searching for cartographic items using a variety of digital map collections, such as Library of Congress, Old Maps Online, David Rumsey Map Collection, and OpenGeoPortal. Proficiency with Microsoft Office Programs (Word, Access, Power Point, Excel)
- Ability to work with various world languages (such as Latin, French, Spanish, or German) represented in the collections.

The Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center has retained the services of Diversified Search, a nationally recognized search firm. The firm is conducting a national search. Nominations, applications, and inquiries for the Curator of Maps position should be submitted to the firm via email at NBLMapCurator@divsearch.com

The Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center is an equal opportunity employer.