



**Internship title:** Digital Collections Specialist

**Organization:** SolarSPELL (Solar Powered Educational Learning Library)

**Location:** Tempe and/or Remote

**Type of internship:** Non-paid; approximately 10 hours per week

**Application deadline:** July 31, 2023; applications will continue to be accepted and reviewed every week until the position is filled.

**Start date:** Aug 15, 2023

**Description:**

SolarSPELL is seeking a digital collections specialist intern to assist in library development and maintenance of our region-specific educational collections in the SolarSPELL library. In particular, SolarSPELL is seeking candidates with experience in digital collections. Ideal candidates will be pursuing a Master's in Library and Information Science (or equivalent degree). Prior experience with sustainability or gender equity in a global context may be relevant and should be noted in your application.

SolarSPELL is an educational initiative at Arizona State University that combines appropriate technology, relevant content, and local capacity building. We work to build internet-ready skills and improve educational opportunities around the world. Our offline digital library is designed to bring educational content to resource-constrained locations that may lack electricity, Internet connectivity, and/or traditional libraries. The SolarSPELL library emits an offline WiFi hotspot, to which any WiFi capable device (smartphones, tablets, laptops) can connect and browse the expansive content for free.

The general English educational collection includes 6000 resources focused on various topics meant to supplement textbooks and curriculum for elementary, middle and high school students and teachers in various communities around the world. Future development of the collection will expand to include collections that support our Peace

Corps partners as well as SolarSPELL's cross-cutting themes: sustainability, gender equity in a global context, and information and digital literacy.

More information on SolarSPELL can be found here: <http://solarspell.org>

This internship offers an exciting opportunity to contribute to improving the quality of educational information available to students and teachers around the world, whose schools may lack Internet connectivity, electricity, and/or traditional libraries. Your contributions will be brought to the field and used by teachers and students, within months of your internship!

Interns will be expected to attend a new intern orientation over Zoom. Ideal candidates will be detail-oriented and self-starters.

**Internship duties will include the following:**

- Digital asset management
- Cataloging digital resources
- Reviewing collections for weeding
- Identifying content need areas
- Assist in ongoing standardization of keyword library
- Work with other student interns for library curation and metadata tagging

**Essential qualifications:**

- Experience with digital collections
- Working knowledge of copyright and creative commons

**How to apply:** If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit a resume and cover letter to Rachel Nova at [rnova@asu.edu](mailto:rnova@asu.edu). All documents should be in PDF format and follow the naming style of [LastName\_FirstName\_DesiredPosition]