Digital and Information Literacy Content Curator Internship

Internship title: Digital and Information Literacy Content Curator Intern

Organization: ASU SolarSPELL Initiative (Solar Powered Educational Learning Library)

Location: Tempe and/or remote

Type of internship: For credit or non-paid; approximately 10 hours per week

Application deadline: November 12, 2023; applications will continue to be accepted and reviewed every week until the position is filled.

Start date: January 8th, 2024

Description:

SolarSPELL is seeking a team of interns who are passionate about global education and information literacy to curate regionally-relevant, open access, educational content for the collections in the SolarSPELL library. *Information literacy* is the ability to accurately identify, locate, evaluate, and use information. Knowing how to search for information or being able to identify if something is fake or real news are examples of information literacy. Digital Literacy, on the other hand, is defined as "a set of knowledge, skills, and attitudes that empower learners to engage with their digital lives" (Virginia Tech University Libraries). Digital and information literacy are at the heart of SolarSPELL's mission, and we are excited to work with a team of interns who can support the spread of digital and information literacy globally!

SolarSPELL is a global educational initiative at Arizona State University that combines solar-powered 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 freely, and safely, surf thousands of resources that are carefully curated and continually improved to meet local information needs.

More information on SolarSPELL can be found at solarspell.org.

This internship offers an exciting opportunity to contribute to improving the quality of educational information available to students, teachers, and communities around the world, who may lack electricity and/or access to the internet. Your contributions will be brought to the field and used by students and teachers potentially within months of your internship!

Intern will be expected to attend an orientation session and a content curation training workshop at the beginning of the semester as well as weekly virtual check-ins throughout the semester. Ideal candidates will be detail-oriented and proactive in their content curation tasks and have a desire to work for a department that serves communities from all over the world.

Main tasks will include:
- Curate culturally relevant information supporting digital and information literacy in a specific region
- Curate content related to digital tools and resources supporting the educational curriculum of in-country partners, including Malawi, Rwanda, and Lesotho

Other general tasks may include:
- Feedback on current user interface and library organization/navigation
- Metadata work, including tagging and organizing of content within the library database
- General research on digital and information literacy within each country utilizing SolarSPELL
- Checking content websites we regularly curate from for any new content

How to apply: If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit a resume and cover letter to Cassie Barrett at cbarre38@asu.edu. All documents should be in PDF format and follow the naming style of [LastName_FirstName_DesiredPosition]