



Job Posting: Collections Assistant

16 Week Contract: (35 hours per week, Tuesday-Saturday)

Rate of pay: \$17.20/hour

Application deadline: March 28, 2025

Start date: May 12, 2025

About OMAH:

OMAH acts as steward of the community's art, history and culture by being actively engaged in the community and responsive to its needs. The museum creates exhibits and programs that will inspire the community to explore, experience and engage with art, local history and culture, as well support Orillia's growing arts community by providing facilities for workshops, education, and professional development.

Purpose of Position:

The Orillia Museum of Art & History (OMAH) is a not-for-profit charitable organization supported by numerous stakeholders and community partners. The Collections Assistant is an integral member of the staff team supporting the Arts and History Programming Coordinators in cataloguing objects, art, and archival materials into the museum's permanent collection. The Collections Assistant will be working with volunteers that support all areas of the museum's operations.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The Collections Assistant will complete and/or assist with the following tasks and projects:

Permanent Collection

Review the donation records/temporary custody receipts for items received in 2024 and as part of the Gordon Lightfoot Estate Collection.

Create a workplan with weekly targets for records with the History and Arts Programming Coordinators.

Catalogue, arrange, describe, and photograph/scan each object into the web-based edition of PastPerfect.

Prepare housing materials for each catalogued item.

Store each catalogued item.

Prepare collections records reports as requested by the History and Arts Programming Coordinators.

Review and adjust targets at weekly meetings.

Artifact retrieval and preparation (training provided, accessing PastPerfect for objects, art, and archival materials, locating and updating records if locations are changed or items are to be exhibited)

Capstone Project

Review current collecting policies and procedures in order to make recommendations on future collecting practice. Assist with identifying gaps in the collection.

Knowledge:

- Post-secondary student enrolled in a degree or diploma program in either Library or Museum and/or Gallery Studies, History, Arts, Education, Communications)
- Working with volunteers an asset
- Interest in community engagement, arts, heritage

Skills:

-
- Excellent computer software skills, in particular, using Excel, Word, social media, and database softwares, such as PastPerfect
- Design software experience an asset, but not a requirement
- Strong computer, organizational, communication (written and oral), problem solving skills
- Neat, organized, able to work independently and interdependently, welcoming to the public
- Flexibility to adjust to dynamic work environment
- ability to remain calm and interface effectively with members of the public, staff and volunteers
- courtesy towards colleagues

Abilities:

- work as a team member and independently, meet deadlines, creative thinker, innovative
- Proactive problem solver
- friendly and outgoing
- accountable and reliable

The Orillia Museum of Art & History (OMAH) is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from qualified candidates from visible minority groups, women, Indigenous persons, persons with disabilities, persons across the spectrum of gender identities, and others with the skills and knowledge to productively engage with diverse communities. Should you require accommodation during the interview process, please let us know so we can accommodate your needs.

To apply please forward your cover letter and resume to executivedirector@orilliamuseum.org in a single PDF document. Please note that we will only reply to candidates selected for consideration and interview.

This position is conditional upon the museum receiving funding from Young Canada Works.

Successful applicants:

- must be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident, or have refugee status in Canada;

Note: Non-Canadian students or graduates holding temporary work visas or awaiting permanent resident status are not eligible.

- be legally entitled to work in Canada (have a valid social insurance number);
 - be between 16 and 30 years of age inclusively at the start of employment (between 15 and 30 years of age for the YCW in Both Official Languages program);
 - meet the specific eligibility criteria of the program to which you apply; and
 - be registered in the YCW online candidate inventory.
- Students in an YCW employment program must also:
- have registered as a high school, college, CEGEP or university student.

Graduates in an internship program must also:

- be a graduate from college or university.

Note: Priority will be given to graduates that have not previously participated in YCW internship programs and that are unemployed or underemployed.