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Washington, DC—Would you like to search job descriptions at your peer libraries from a single interface? Could you use a digital archive of job descriptions from your own institution? Are you attending the 2013 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle? Join us for a free demonstration of the forthcoming Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Position Description (PD) Bank on Saturday, January 26, 3:00-4:00 p.m., at [Hotel 1000](http://e2.ma/click/56e1d/1r8imn/1ji1gb), 1000 1st Avenue (room TBD). **About the ARL PD Bank**The ARL PD Bank is scheduled for launch on February 1, 2013. The PD Bank will aggregate position descriptions from participating academic and research libraries, making the PDs browsable and searchable. The PD Bank will provide a source for current PDs and will also track the evolution of positions—and library functions and services—and the varied ways in which institutions organize and define functions. The PD Bank will also provide participating institutions with a functional digital archive of their own position descriptions. In addition to standard data fields available to all participants, individual libraries may elect to use custom data fields that would not be viewable by other institutions, such as employee and supervisor names, classification, date last reviewed/modified, and other data identified by the institution as useful for internal purposes. The PD Bank has been developed over the past few months by a team of staff from the University of Florida Libraries and ARL, along with personnel officers from ARL member institutions, who have been engaged via surveys, focus groups, and beta testing. **Demo & other informational sessions**Every ARL member library that has staff attending the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle is encouraged to send a representative to the January 26 demo. ARL will also offer subsequent online sessions, but the in-person meeting is an important opportunity to learn more about the system. There is no fee or registration necessary to attend the demo at ALA Midwinter. **Questions?**For more information, contact the project team at ARLPDBank@uflib.ufl.edu or 352-273-2603.  The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) is a nonprofit organization of 125 research libraries in the US and Canada. Its mission is to influence the changing environment of scholarly communication and the public policies that affect research libraries and the diverse communities they serve. ARL pursues this mission by advancing the goals of its member research libraries, providing leadership in public and information policy to the scholarly and higher education communities, fostering the exchange of ideas and expertise, facilitating the emergence of new roles for research libraries, and shaping a future environment that leverages its interests with those of allied organizations. ARL is on the web at [http://www.arl.org/](http://e2.ma/click/56e1d/1r8imn/hcj1gb). |
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