The American Revolution secured our national independence, established our republic, created our national identity, and articulated ideals of liberty, equality, and civic responsibility that continue to shape our nation and inspire the world. The Society of the Cincinnati was founded to perpetuate the memory and enduring principles of that vast event.

**The Society of the Cincinnati** is the nation’s oldest patriotic organization, founded in 1783 by officers of the Continental Army and Navy and their French counterparts who served together in the American Revolution. Its mission is to promote knowledge and appreciation of the achievement of American independence and to foster fellowship among its members. Now a nonprofit educational organization devoted to the principles and ideals of its founders, the modern Society maintains its headquarters, library, and museum at Anderson House in Washington, DC. The library, museum, and other educational programs fall under the oversight of the Society’s American Revolution Institute, founded in 2012 to advance increased public engagement with the Society’s mission, collections, and programs.
Anderson House is a treasure of American history and architectural magnificence. Built between 1902 and 1905, this Beaux-Arts masterpiece in the heart of Washington, D.C., was the vision of Larz Anderson and Isabel Weld Perkins Anderson. This opulent mansion, designed by the renowned architect Arthur Little, served as their home and sanctuary for an impressive collection of art, rare books, and historical artifacts. Today, Anderson House is not only a museum open to the public but also the proud headquarters of the Society of the Cincinnati. As you step through its grand doors, you'll be transported to an era of elegance, with opulent interiors, serene gardens, and a rich history that celebrates the American Revolution and the enduring spirit of its heroes.

Explore Anderson House's grand reception hall, ballroom, library, and drawing room, all showcasing the splendor of Beaux-Arts architecture at its finest. This mansion is a living testament to the architectural mastery of the early 20th century. Outside, the enchanting gardens offer a tranquil escape with terraced lawns, fountains, and timeless sculptures. The commitment to preservation ensures that the legacy of the American Revolution and the architectural beauty of Anderson House endure, inviting visitors to immerse themselves in the captivating stories and cultural heritage it holds. This historic gem is where history and elegance converge in a captivating journey through time.
The Society of the Cincinnati’s educational programs are conducted through its wholly-owned division branded as The American Revolution Institute of the Society of the Cincinnati. The Institute and all of our educational programs are part of the Society’s 501(c)3 charitable operations. The Institute has its own website which is [www.americanrevolutioninstitute.org](http://www.americanrevolutioninstitute.org).

The Institute’s research library has an impressive collection of over 50,000 items which provide scholars, researchers, educators, students, and members of the public access to a wealth of historical materials related to the American Revolutionary War and the founding era of the United States. The collection includes various documents, manuscripts, artifacts, and other items of historical significance--offering opportunities for in-depth study of the events that shaped the destiny of a nation. As the Library Director, you have the unique opportunity to help expand and flourish this collection.

A significant portion of the Library’s collections have been digitized and are available online.

**Rare Books and Pamphlets:** The collection specializes in early printed works on the theory and practice of warfare in the eighteenth century, including treatises on fortification, tactics, drill manuals, medical texts, and military histories. The collection also includes early published works about the founding and history of the Society of the Cincinnati.

**Manuscripts and Documents:** The library collection contains a wide range of manuscripts and documents from the Revolutionary period, including letters, diaries, military orders, and other primary source materials. These documents offer insights into the lives and experiences of those who served in the Continental Army and their allies, as well as illuminating the art of war in the latter half of the 18th century. The library’s collection also includes photographs, daguerreotypes, and descriptions of artifacts and objects associated with the Revolutionary War and its participants.

**Maps:** The collection includes more than four hundred maps and battle plans depicting the places and events of the American Revolution, including charts of the North American and European theaters of war, Sebastian Bauman’s 1782 plan of the Yorktown battlefield, and the first official map of the United States published after ratification of the Treaty of Paris.

**Graphic Arts:** The collection includes engravings and other works of art on paper featuring Revolutionary War battle scenes, satirical prints, and portraits of prominent figures of the era.

**Publications:** The American Revolution Institute has published various books, exhibition catalogs, journals, and newsletters over the years. These publications contain scholarly articles and essays on topics related to the American Revolution. Its newest book, entitled Freedom, debuts October 2023.

**Educational Resources:** The online collection also includes educational resources such as lesson plans, historical essays, and research guides to help students and researchers explore the history of the American Revolution.
The Opportunity

The Society of the Cincinnati seeks a forward-thinking, creative Library Director to help fulfill their mission.

Are you ready to embark on a thrilling journey in the world of history and knowledge? The American Revolution Institute of the Society of the Cincinnati is on the hunt for an exceptional Library Director, and this could be your chance to lead an illustrious institution into the future. As the Library Director, you'll be at the helm of a treasure trove of historical riches, including rare books, manuscripts, maps, prints, and broadsides, as well as an extensive collection of modern resources that support broad research on the Revolutionary era.

Your mission? To oversee the development, management, and preservation of these priceless collections, while fostering their accessibility to scholars and researchers both on-site and online. The Library is the leading component of the society's educational brand—The American Revolution Institute (see www.americanrevolutioninstitute.org).

Your role will be dynamic and multifaceted, from expanding the library's acquisitions to supervising cataloging and conservation efforts to overseeing the library’s fellowship program that supports up to a dozen scholars using the library each year.

You'll champion the library's mission, engage with donors, and promote knowledge and appreciation among Society members and the broader public. Not only will you manage the library's physical collections, but you'll also play a crucial part in its digital evolution, expanding the content and outreach of its Digital Library. And that's not all – you'll be a vital link in the Institute’s educational initiatives, conducting research, producing compelling articles, and collaborating with a network of scholars, authors, and lecturers.

As the Library Director, you'll lead, innovate, and shape the future of this esteemed institution. You will also help lead increasing fundraising support and growing awareness for the library. If you're passionate about preserving history, expanding collections, and sharing knowledge with the world, this is your golden opportunity to make a lasting impact. Join us at the American Revolution Institute of the Society of the Cincinnati and become a key player in our mission to celebrate the timeless achievements of the Revolutionary War.

This is an exciting opportunity for a practicing Librarian with a love of American History! Does this sound like you? We encourage you to apply!
The Candidate

• Appreciation for the mission of the Society and its Institute as well as appreciation for early American history.

• A practicing Librarian with a Master’s degree in library and information science, or related field, with relevant experience in special collections management; additional advanced degree in history and/or expertise in early American and/or Revolutionary War history and military history a strong plus.

• Professional presentation skills and excellent approachability/social skills required.

• Excellent organization skills, close attention to detail, and responsive, prompt follow-up required.

• Knowledge and aptitude with computer systems and databases relevant to modern libraries, including digital libraries.

• Knowledge and/or fluency in other languages (especially French) is a plus.

• Strong writing skills with experience creating content for websites, journals, exhibition catalogs, and other publications.
Applications should be submitted at https://driwaterstonehc.com/position/library-director-the-society-of-the-cincinnati

All first-round interviews for this position will take place with DRiWaterstone.

DRiWaterstone is a women-founded and led executive search firm recognized by Forbes magazine as one of the leading executive recruiting firms in the U.S. With a focus on purpose and mission-driven organizations, we provide executive search and strategic consulting services to help regional, national, and international clients grow, thrive, and excel.

**Location: Washington DC**

**Equal-opportunity employer:**
The Society of the Cincinnati provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment and prohibits discrimination and harassment of any type without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, disability status, genetics, protected veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local laws. This policy applies to all terms and conditions of employment, including recruiting, hiring, placement, promotion, termination, layoff, recall, transfer, leaves of absence, compensation, and professional development.