

Dean of Libraries

The University of Arkansas Libraries seek a demonstrated intellectual leader to serve as Dean of Libraries at the flagship campus of the University of Arkansas System. The dean will provide the leadership, vision, and direction for the libraries that form the intellectual core of the campus. A nationally engaged scholar, the dean will advance the mission of the libraries and the wider university while serving as a major advocate for libraries in the state of Arkansas. The dean will provide a robust vision for serving the diverse needs and ambitions of students and faculty in the digital age; oversee the enhancement and expansion of both physical and digital collections; collaborate closely with colleagues within the libraries and the wider university community; and recruit and cultivate library faculty and staff. The dean will report to the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

The library system of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, includes the David W. Mullins Library, the campus's main research facility; the Robert A. and Vivian Young Law Library; the Fine Arts Library; the Chemistry and Biochemistry Library; the Physics Library; and the new Library Annex, inaugurated in the summer of 2018. The libraries oversee extensive print and digital collections, together comprising more than 2.5 million volumes and an overall collection of 7 million library materials. Collectively the libraries support nine colleges and schools that provide undergraduate, graduate, professional, global, and online education. The transformation of Mullins—the main research facility that is also home to the libraries' central offices, special collections, and multimedia services—is now underway. The Library Annex has laid the groundwork for a future, renovated Mullins Library that will deliver more collaborative, individual-study, and creative work spaces that will ensure the facility is best positioned to address ever-changing technologies in both learning and research.

The University of Arkansas Libraries—which belong to the Greater Western Library Alliance, the Center for Research Libraries, and other state and national consortia—support cooperative resource sharing with other University of Arkansas System Libraries and libraries throughout the state and maintain close collaborations with other regional organizations.

The Position

The dean will set the direction for the University of Arkansas Libraries at a moment of great opportunity and revitalization. An agile and resourceful leader and effective communicator, the dean will seek to align services and programs with advances in technology, curriculum development, research and innovation, as well as with university ambitions in research and economic development.

An expert administrator with an understanding of faculty governance, the dean will oversee a staff of 159, including 70 faculty and professional staff members. The dean will foster collaboration within the university, demonstrate a commitment to diversity and inclusion, and support and enhance relationships within the region.

Chief among the dean's responsibilities will be the effective management, planning, and enhancement of fiscal resources; and the stewardship of endowments that support the libraries' ability to ensure rich resources, state-of-the-art technologies, outreach services, and instruction.

Qualifications

Candidates must have a robust leadership record; planning, budgeting, and fundraising expertise; superior interpersonal and oral and written communication skills; and knowledge of collection development and public and technical services. Candidates should have a history of success leading an academic library, a background of academic and managerial achievement, and a Master's degree in Library Science from an ALA-accredited university. The successful candidate must be grounded in knowledge of both traditional and electronic library environments, and must have a firm grasp of current issues in higher education; a command of the evolving nature of scholarly communication and publishing; deep experience liaising with students and faculty; and fluency in new information technologies and their application to library services.

Responsibilities of this position include research, creative work, and service. A dossier will be required for appointment and hiring. The successful candidate must have demonstrated accomplishments in performance, scholarly activity, and professional service to meet criteria for appointment at the rank of Librarian / Professor with tenure at the University of Arkansas.

Preferred Qualifications

A second advanced degree.

Appointment and Salary

Competitive and commensurate with experience and background. For information regarding benefits offered, visit <http://hr.uark.edu/benefits>. This position is posted at <http://jobs.uark.edu/postings/30326>.

The University of Arkansas is committed to achieving diversity in its academic leadership as well as its faculty, staff, and student body. Therefore, the university is especially interested in nominations and applications from persons from traditionally underrepresented groups and all persons dedicated to continuing building the culture of inclusive excellence within the University of Arkansas Libraries.

This position is subject to a preemployment criminal and financial history background check, sex-offender-registry check, and drug screening. A criminal conviction or arrest pending adjudication alone shall not disqualify an applicant in the absence of a relationship to the requirements of the position. All background-check and drug-screening information will be used in a confidential, nondiscriminatory manner consistent with state and federal law.

The University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

Founded in 1871, the University of Arkansas is a land-grant institution, classified by the Carnegie Foundation among the nation's top 2 percent of universities with the highest level of research activity. The University of Arkansas works to advance Arkansas and build a better world through education, research, and outreach by providing transformational opportunities and skills; promoting an inclusive and diverse culture; and nurturing creativity, discovery, and the sharing of ideas and innovations. With 200+ academic programs, its nine colleges and schools serve more than 27,600 students who represent all 50 states and 120 countries.

The University of Arkansas campus is located in Fayetteville, a welcoming community ranked as one of the best places to live in the U.S. The growing region that includes Fayetteville is home to numerous

Fortune 500 companies and one of the nation's strongest economies. Northwest Arkansas is also quickly gaining a national reputation for its focus on the arts and overall quality of life. Arkansas is a natural wonder of forests, mountains, and lakes framed by picturesque rivers and streams. Some of the best outdoor amenities and most spectacular hiking trails are a short drive from campus.

Review of applications will begin on November 30, 2018. Nominations and letters of application, including curriculum vitae and contact information for three professional references, should be addressed to Dean Peter MacKeith, Chair of the Dean of Libraries. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Dean Peter MacKeith at (479) 575-2702.

The University of Arkansas is an equal opportunity, affirmative action institution. The university welcomes applications without regard to age, race/color, gender (including pregnancy), national origin, disability, religion, marital or parental status, protected veteran status, military service, genetic information, sexual orientation or gender identity. Persons must have proof of legal authority to work in the United States on the first day of employment. All applicant information is subject to public disclosure under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act.