

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY LIBRARIES
DIRECTOR of COLLECTIONS

DESCRIPTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The University of Kentucky Libraries seeks a creative, collaborative, and entrepreneurial library professional with an ability to provide innovative services through the position of Director of Collections. The successful candidate will lead and collaborate with a team of academic liaisons to support the current and emerging research strategies and methods of scholarly production.

The Director is responsible for providing leadership for the Libraries' collections management and content development, for advancing research data management initiatives, and promoting UK Libraries' commitment to the creation and dissemination of scholarship. The Director hires, trains, and supervises the work of 2 FTE librarians, 1 FTE support staff, and several students in the Collections and Federal Depository Units. The Director will manage the ongoing collection activities of academic liaisons to ensure coordination and continuity for collections in all disciplines and formats, will lead efforts to address and to provide collection assessment and analysis guidance, and will communicate collection issues and procedures effectively to library users and staff.

As an academic liaison, the Director will teach and assess curriculum-integrated instructional sessions and conduct in-depth research consultations in assigned subject areas. The Director will develop and maintain online research and course guides and have knowledge of current research tools and technology. The Director conducts collection review and analysis, provides research and scholarly publishing support, and is actively engaged with faculty and students in all assigned subject areas.

The Director will provide academic liaisons with research and scholarly publishing support and participate in the leadership of research data management initiatives. Responsibilities will include working collaboratively with colleagues throughout UK Libraries and the campus to advance [UKnowledge](#), the university's institutional repository, and the development, implementation, and assessment of research support services. The Director will participate in outreach and campus engagement activities that build partnerships and cultivate relationships with key university units.

The position reports to the Senior Associate Dean for Collections, Digital Scholarship, and Technical Services. The Director works closely with the Director of Acquisitions, the Coordinator of Electronic Resources, the Director of Cataloging and Database Integrity, and academic liaisons to identify, acquire and manage information resources in a rapidly evolving digital environment. This individual will actively monitor national trends, standards, and policies in collection development, scholarly communication, research data management and represents the Libraries in local, regional, and national forums/organizations as appropriate.

The Director will participate in shared governance of the University of Kentucky by serving on library, departmental/college, and university committees as appropriate. The position will pursue scholarship, professional development and service activities in order to meet requirements for promotion and tenure.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- ALA-accredited Master's degree in Library and Information Science
- Minimum of 5 years of experience in an academic research library
- Experience with collections management and collections assessment responsibilities in an academic research library
- Supervisory experience
- Demonstrated understanding of current issues and trends in scholarly communication
- Demonstrated understanding of research data lifecycle, current issues in data management, and visualization of scholarship
- Strong public service orientation
- Evidence of leadership
- Excellent oral and written communication skills and the ability to work well with a diverse population of faculty, students, and colleagues.

Preference will be given to candidates with:

- Academic background or advanced degree in a humanities or social sciences discipline
- Proficiency in collection assessment techniques and activities
- Experience with financial management
- Experience in providing information literacy instruction and research consultations in an academic/research library
- Knowledge and understanding of key issues and trends that affect academic libraries and higher education
- Experience working with government publications: federal, state, foreign and/or international.

Position is a full-time, 12-month, tenure-track position.

The University of Kentucky is a public, Land Grant University of approximately 28,000 students, 2,000 faculty, and 12,000 staff dedicated to improving people's lives through excellence in education, research and creative work, service, and health care. With over 200 academic programs across sixteen colleges and professional schools, the University plays a critical leadership role by promoting diversity, inclusion, economic development, and human well-being.

Located in the beautiful bluegrass region of central Kentucky, the University of Kentucky Libraries includes the main William T. Young Library, Medical Center Library, Special Collections Research Center, Agricultural Information Center, Fine Arts Library, Design Library, Education Library, Transportation Library, Lexmark Library, Engineering Library, and Science Library. Combined library holdings total more than four million volumes. The system has a faculty of 60 and a support and professional staff of 108. UK Libraries currently uses the Alma library system with Primo as our discovery layer. UK Libraries memberships include the Association of Research Libraries, LYRASIS, ASERL, and the Center for Research Libraries. UK is a regional depository for federal government publications, as well as depositories for government publications from Canada and the European Union.

To apply, interested applicants must complete a UK Online Academic Profile at <https://ukjobs.uky.edu/postings/117823> and attach two documents:

- Cover letter (Cover Letter),
- Curriculum vitae

Please include contact information for three references when prompted in the application.

If you have any questions, contact H/R employment, phone (859) 257-9555, press 2. The application deadline is September 16, 2016.