

**Learning Commons Librarian
Assistant Professor of Library Administration
Undergraduate Library
University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign**

Position Available: August 16, 2008. This is a full-time, regular, faculty position in the University Library.

Duties and Responsibilities: The Learning Commons Librarian will join colleagues from throughout the University Library designing and delivering library services for undergraduate students and for faculty and staff engaged in undergraduate education. Working closely with the Head of the Undergraduate Library in conjunction with the Associate University Librarian for Services, the Learning Commons Librarian will assist with the development of Undergraduate Library and Library-wide undergraduate service programs consistent with the University Library's strategic plan and transformation initiatives. The Learning Commons Librarian also works to establish strategic relationships with campus colleagues, departments, and programs likewise committed to the design of services aimed at supporting undergraduate student success. The Learning Commons Librarian will participate actively on related Library committees, task forces, and working groups and serve as a resource for other library units and the development of new service models, including the Scholarly Commons.

The Learning Commons Librarian will report to the Head of the Undergraduate Library and will work collaboratively on the continuing development of the Learning Commons service model. The service model is built on a commitment to providing flexible space, information technology, student support, and programming designed collaboratively by librarians and other campus providers of services to undergraduates.

The Learning Commons Librarian's responsibilities will specifically include assisting in identifying and further developing Library programming and services that foster the Learning Commons vision; developing programming and services by serving as an operational liaison with Learning Commons partners and identifying best practices that foster collaboration; coordinating the delivery of service programs offered through campus partners, including CITES (Campus Information Technologies and Educational Services), Writer's Workshop, Career Services, Wellness Program, and the Campus Center for Advising and Academic Services; working closely with individuals responsible for staff and student worker training and development initiatives to ensure high quality customer service; coordinating and/or teaching student workshops on using the hardware, software, and other technologies; working at the Undergraduate Library's Integrated Services Desk to provide both technology and reference support and assistance; participating in planning sessions, committees, meetings, etc. to assist in developing policies, procedures, and initiatives; working with Library Information Technology to insure support for technology; developing methods to assess the effectiveness services and programs and to conduct needs assessments for potential services and resources; and developing and editing promotional and strategic communications materials. The Learning Commons Librarian will also participate fully in other Undergraduate Library activities including collection development and stewardship, staff training, liaison to library divisions/units, outreach, and marketing.

Environment: The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) Library holds one of the preeminent research collections in the world. With more than 10 million volumes and a total of 23 million items, it ranks highly among academic libraries in the United States for the breadth of its collections, and first among public university libraries in the United States. The Library is also a leader in the delivery of user services, and active programs in information, instructional, access, and scholarly services help the Library to maintain its place at the intellectual heart of the campus. The Library is committed to maintaining the strongest collections and service programs possible, and to engaging in research, development, and scholarly practice – all of which support the University's missions of teaching, research, and public service. The Library employs approximately 100 faculty members, and more than 300 academic professionals, staff, and graduate assistants. For more information, see: <http://www.library.uiuc.edu>

The Library consists of more than 35 departmental libraries located across campus, as well as an array of central public, technical, and administrative service units. As a faculty member in the Undergraduate Library, the Learning Commons Librarian will join colleagues responsible for the coordination and leadership of a

variety of programs and initiatives aimed at supporting undergraduate student success, including information services, instructional services, and outreach and engagement programs. For more information, see: <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/ugl/>

Qualifications: Required: ALA-accredited Master's degree in Library and/or Information Science; strong commitment to quality user services; knowledge of undergraduate student information needs, technology skills, and library use patterns; experience providing reference services in an academic library; experience providing instruction and/or training programs for library users or staff; working knowledge of Microsoft Office applications; interest and willingness to develop expertise with other software applications (e.g., Adobe Photoshop, SPSS); demonstrated ability to work effectively with a diverse community of library staff and users; ability to thrive in a fast-paced and busy service environment; ability to function effectively in a collaborative environment; excellent communication skills. **Preferred:** Supervisory experience; expertise with Web design and development; experience with Adobe Photoshop and other multimedia software applications; expertise with library outreach and marketing; experience with assessment of library services; familiarity with the application of gaming, social networking, and immersive environments to library service programs; experience participating in team projects.

Salary and Rank: Salary commensurate with credentials and experience. This is a full-time faculty appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor. Librarians hold faculty rank and title, and must demonstrate excellence in librarianship, research and service in order to meet University standards for promotion and tenure.

Terms of Appointment: Twelve-month appointment; 24 annual vacation days; 11 annual paid holidays; 12 annual sick-leave days (cumulative), plus an additional 13 sick-leave days (non-cumulative) available, if needed, each year; health insurance requiring a small co-payment is provided to employee (with the option to purchase coverage for spouse and dependents); required participation in State Universities Retirement System (SURS) (8% of annual salary is withheld and is refundable upon termination), with several options for participation in additional retirement plans; newly-hired employees are covered by the Medicare portion of Social Security and are subject to its deduction.

Campus and Community: The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is a comprehensive and major public, land-grant university (Doctoral/Research University – Extensive) ranked among the best in the world, including “Top 20” programs in Chemistry, Engineering, English, Mathematics, Music, Library & Information Science, Psychology, and Veterinary Medicine. Chartered in 1867, its faculty and staff provide undergraduate and graduate education in more than 150 fields of study, conduct theoretical and applied research, and provide public service to the state and the nation. It employs 3,000 faculty members serving 31,000 undergraduate and 11,000 graduate and professional students; approximately 25% of faculty receive campus-wide recognition each year for excellence in teaching. For more information, see: <http://www.uiuc.edu/>

The University is located in the twin cities of Champaign and Urbana, which have a combined population of 100,000 and are situated approximately 140 miles south of Chicago, 120 miles west of Indianapolis, and 170 miles northeast of St. Louis. The University and its surrounding communities offer a cultural and recreational environment ideally suited to the work of a major research institution and its members. For more information, see: <http://www.uiuc.edu/community/>

To Apply: Send letter of application and complete resume, including names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three (3) references to: Cindy Kelly, Head, Library Human Resources, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1408 W. Gregory Drive, Suite 127, Urbana, IL 61801. Applications may also be delivered electronically to libhr@library.uiuc.edu For questions, please call: 217-333-8169.

Deadline: In order to ensure full consideration, applications and nominations must be received by April 2, 2008

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