THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA LIBRARIES

Electronic Resources and Digital Integration Librarian

RESPONSIBILITIES: Reporting to the Electronic Resources Coordinator, the Electronic Resources and Digital Integration Librarian ensures optimal and accurate access to subscription resources, including databases, electronic journals and books. The Electronic Resources and Digital Integration Librarian supports the development of new methods of subscription and resource acquisition and strives to increase available resources for the UA community.

Other position responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Managing subscription resources through the establishment of product trials, license review, access management, record maintenance, subscription renewal, and ongoing vendor relations;
- Activating and managing new and existing e-resources within the knowledge-base of the Library’s access management system;
- Developing proactive methods to preempt e-resource access problems before they are reported;
- Resolving problems relating to e-resources access in a timely manner;
- Monitoring trends in e-resource management, analyzing tools and workflows, exploring new models and recommending changes to existing tools and workflows as appropriate;
- Providing information, training, and support to inform colleagues and the campus of new features and interface changes related to e-resource discovery;
- Promoting and improving resource access by updating, customizing, and integrating interfaces for e-resource discovery, including vendor platforms for databases/e-journals/e-books, and other library resources.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS: Master's degree from an ALA-accredited program; detailed understanding of current models, practices, and tools used by academic libraries for the acquisition and management of e-resources; demonstrated aptitude and experience with relevant information technology, such as integrated library systems, open-url resolver, Microsoft Office, Web 2.0 and social software (blogs, wikis, RSS), and instant messaging; demonstrated problem solving, organizational and analytical skills, and an aptitude for detail-oriented work; demonstrated ability to plan, initiate, and implement effective programs, projects, and services; demonstrated strong commitment to customer service excellence; proven communication and interpersonal skills evidenced by the ability to work cooperatively and maintain effective working relationships with colleagues, faculty, students, and staff; demonstrated ability to be flexible in a dynamic work environment; proven ability to work both independently and collaboratively in a complex changing environment and complete tasks according to an established timeframe; demonstrated ability to view issues from an institutional and library-wide perspective and to manage organizational change; commitment to conduct research and scholarship consistent with a faculty appointment; commitment to engage in continuing professional development.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: A second advanced degree; prior experience managing e-resources in a library setting; prior academic library experience; knowledge of current issues and trends in scholarly communication; knowledge of web technologies and metadata standards related to effective e-resource access and discovery; knowledge of serials cataloging.
ENVIRONMENT: The University of Alabama is located in Tuscaloosa, a growing community with a population of 80,000 residents, approximately 45 minutes southwest of Birmingham. The campus is noted for its historical architecture, traditions, and Natural History Museum. Current enrollment is approximately 31,000 FTE. The community and surrounding area offer a broad range of cultural and recreational activities. The University Libraries maintains memberships in the Association of Research Libraries, the Center for Research Libraries, the Coalition for Networked Information, LYRASIS, the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries, and the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries. As a U.S. Government Documents Regional Depository, Gorgas Library serves Alabama libraries and the public. The Libraries’ homepage may be accessed at http://www.lib.ua.edu.

SALARY/BENEFITS: This will be a non-tenure earning contract position, renewable annually, for up to 3 years, based on performance, funding and the needs of the Libraries. Competitive salary. Excellent benefits. Moving allowance may be available.

TO APPLY: Applications are accepted online only at https://facultyjobs.ua.edu. Click Search Positions. Click Libraries in Organization drop down box. Please include your application, resume, and names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three references.

Open until filled. Applications received by October 3, 2011 are assured of receiving full consideration.

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