ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY

Responsibilities: The University of Alabama Libraries seek energetic, creative, and knowledgeable applicants for the position of Associate Dean for Library Technology. The successful candidate will be a dynamic leader able to work collaboratively in shaping and directing an ambitious vision and strategic direction for the Libraries’ systems and digital technology. The associate dean will be expected to assess, deploy, and expand library technologies in a highly collaborative setting and enable the Libraries’ faculty and staff to support the needs of our students and faculty as well as priorities set by the University. This position supervises 8 FTE: faculty, professional and classified staff that are responsible for integrated library systems, Web-based delivery of electronic resources, staff and public workstations, network administration, and development of the Libraries’ digital infrastructure, including Web-based user interfaces, storage, and database solutions. The Associate Dean will also work closely with the Libraries’ faculty and staff responsible for technology-dependent programs and services, including a growing digital initiatives program, Web services, learning commons, distance education support, and the Sanford Media Resource and Design Center. It is expected that Library Technology staffing levels will increase and diversify over the next three years. Reporting to the Dean of Libraries, the Associate Dean will be a member of the Dean’s Council and the Library Management Council and will represent the Libraries in the University technology arena and at key state, regional, and national meetings pertaining to library and information technology.

Required: MLS/MLIS from an ALA-accredited program or appropriate graduate degree in a computer science field; five-ten years progressively responsible supervisory and administrative duties relating to library technology in a diverse academic setting; demonstrated experience with current issues and best practices in the assessment, development, and application of information technologies in libraries and higher education, including programming, systems administration, systems analysis, Web and systems architecture and platforms; demonstrated success trouble shooting/problem-solving technical issues; experience with server and Web development technologies; sophisticated understanding of digital library technologies; demonstrated ability to provide leadership and effect change in a highly collaborative environment; proven abilities in communication, team-building, and problem-solving; and ability to satisfy promotion and tenure requirements.