Employment Opportunity  
University at Buffalo Libraries  
Collections Strategist & Resource Access Librarian (Senior Staff Assistant)

The University at Buffalo Libraries seek an innovative and highly motivated Collections Strategist & Resource Access Librarian to provide leadership and guidance in transforming the nature of collection development within the Libraries. As a member of the Discovery Services Team, you will be responsible for the operational management of collection funds, collection development training, and collection assessment. You will have the opportunity to coordinate and collaborate with colleagues across the University Libraries in the implementation of collection development strategies and operations.

**Key responsibilities:**

- Manage central collection development funds under the direction of the Associate University Librarian for Discovery and Delivery Services;
- Administer the selection and renewal of centrally funded e-resources and oversee the centrally funded monographic approval plans, in consultation with the Collections Committee and individual librarians;
- Lead and manage resource access activities including licensing review and negotiation and facilitating access to licensed content;
- Participate in evaluating vendor offers; prepare and present information to appropriate library groups to help inform collection decisions; participate in vendor negotiations;
- Serve as the primary contact for collection assessment activities that may include program reviews, accreditation reports, and internal assessments;
- Incorporate data-driven and user-focused assessment methodologies to analyze the libraries’ current collection management program;
- Provide support to collections coordinators and subject specialists for the selection of library materials across all formats.

**We would like the Collections Strategist & Resource Access Librarian to have these minimum skills, abilities, and education:**

- Master’s degree in the field of library and information science, from an ALA-accredited institution;
- Strong commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion in higher education with the ability to support and enhance a diverse learning and working environment;
- Knowledge of current trends and practices in developing academic library collections, including demand-driven acquisitions, evidence-based acquisitions, coordinated collection development, and shared collections;
- Demonstrated competency in collections assessment and evaluation across varied formats, collections and disciplines;
- Solid understanding of the research university environment and scholarly communications issues;
- Understanding of evolving scholarly publishing and dissemination models related to open access and repositories;
- Demonstrated organizational, analytical, problem-solving, and decision-making skills;
- Ability to plan, document, and complete projects;
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
We would be excited to know if you have the following preferred experience:

- Professional library experience, preferably at a research institution, in collection development and management, demonstrating innovative accomplishments and solid knowledge of the scholarly communication life cycle;
- Experience using integrated library system and electronic resource management functions, including experience with Ex Libris products;
- Budgeting, financial management, and assessment skills;
- Familiarity with project management techniques;
- Ability to work in an atmosphere of continuous change;
- Demonstrated knowledge of emerging ideas of librarianship, including the capabilities and future trend of library technology and systems to optimize the discovery and delivery of scholarly resources.

We are looking for skilled, passionate individuals to join us in making the University Libraries a center of energy and innovation on campus. You can expect to learn continuously in a rapidly changing academic landscape. We will help you be successful by providing training and professional development opportunities. The Collections Strategist & Resource Access Librarian will report to the Associate University Librarian for Discovery Services and work closely with other faculty and staff from the University Libraries.

**Salary:**

$50,000 - $60,000

**To Apply:**

To be considered for this position, applicants must apply via the UBJobs website. Visit [https://www.ubjobs.buffalo.edu](https://www.ubjobs.buffalo.edu) and search for posting number **P1900053**. Applicants should describe their qualifications and experience in their cover letter with specific reference to the minimum qualifications of the position. At the time of hire, applicants must be authorized to work in the United States on a full-time basis for a period of at least two years. The posting closes on 04/17/2019. We are currently accepting applications and anticipate filling this position by June 30, 2019.

**The University at Buffalo**

A flagship institution in the State University of New York system and a member of the Association of American Universities, UB is the largest and most comprehensive campus in the 64-campus SUNY system. UB offers more than 375 academic programs – the largest menu of academic choices in New York State. UB provides students access to a rich variety of multicultural experiences and environments, both on campus and through our 80-plus study abroad programs. Our research, creative activity and people positively impact the world.
**The University Libraries**

As the largest academic research library in the SUNY system, the University Libraries offer an outstanding array of information resources, technologies, services and people to support academic achievement. The Libraries play a vital role in the academic success of our students, the teaching and research of our faculty, and the intellectual pursuits of our alumni and community members. Our broad selection of digital and print resources, innovative services, and expert staff support scholarly and creative achievements in new and exciting ways.

**The Buffalo Niagara Region**

The Buffalo Niagara region is a major metropolitan area with diverse communities and outstanding assets. Voted America’s No. 1 favorite city by Travel+Leisure readers, and ranked among the top five American cities to which to relocate by Spelling’s Best Places, Buffalo is on the rise – and UB is proud to play an active part in its resurgence. Buffalo offers the amenities of a major urban area without the headaches. Friendly folks, quick commutes, charming neighborhoods and a low cost of living are among the perks of life in the region. Three international bridges connect the Buffalo Niagara region to Canada. Travel to the cosmopolitan city of Toronto is only 90 minutes by car. By air, we are less than an hour to New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

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