

Director of the Library

Knox College seeks applications for the position of Director of the Library. We seek a director committed to a student-centered approach to leadership of the Library. The director will join a staff dedicated to undergraduate education through the Library's exceptional holdings. In a period of change in higher education and in particular in the sector of liberal arts colleges, the director will have the opportunity to explore new paths for managing the collection, supporting the staff, and promoting the user experience.

Founded in 1837, Knox College is a four-year, independent, national college of liberal arts and sciences located in Galesburg, Illinois. The College is recognized as one of the 50 most diverse campuses in America and prides itself on a long standing commitment to increase access to all qualified students of varied backgrounds, races and conditions, regardless of financial means.

The Director of the Library plays a key leadership role, providing overall management of all Library collections and services, while serving as the leading spokesperson and advocate for the Library. The director holds primary responsibility for planning, budget, staffing, instruction, and academic support. The Director reports to the Provost and Dean of the College and serves as a member of the Dean's Council. As a member of the faculty (non-tenure track), the Director serves on the Instructional Support Committee and serves as a critical liaison between the faculty, library staff, and the resources under the Library's purview.

The Director of the Library will have ample opportunity to shape the future of the library, bringing new perspectives to existing priorities and challenges while developing comprehensive responses to new and unanticipated priorities and challenges. The key priorities for the director will include advocacy of the central mission to promote the Library as an inclusive space for learning that is responsive to diverse needs and supports institutional priorities to enhance the student experience.

Qualifications

Candidates must hold an ALA-accredited degree or an international equivalent, or an advanced degree in a relevant field, and demonstrate successful leadership and management experience in positions of progressively higher responsibility within academic library settings. Candidates should have a deep knowledge of trends and issues facing academic libraries and hold a strong commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion as expressions of foundational values of the institution and as necessary to the continued success of the library in supporting its patrons and staff.

A full description of the Director of the Library position, priorities for the next director, and qualifications can be found here: www.knox.edu/librarysearch.

Application

Candidates should submit:

- a cover letter addressing how the candidate's career and experiences has served as preparation to lead a library at diverse liberal arts college, with particular attention to the priorities and qualities listed in the full job description.
- a curriculum vitae;
- a list of professional references.

Submission via Interfolio: <http://apply.interfolio.com/74963>. Questions may be addressed to deanofthecollege@knox.edu.

Review of applications will begin March 27 and continue until the position is filled.

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