

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA LIBRARIES

METADATA LIBRARIAN

RESPONSIBILITIES: The University of Alabama Libraries is seeking a dynamic, highly motivated individual for the position of Metadata Librarian. Reporting to the Coordinator of Metadata in the Resource Acquisition & Discovery department and working collaboratively in a team with 4 metadata librarians, and appropriate units in the Libraries, this position supports the discovery of and access to the Libraries resources through providing cataloging records adhering to current cataloging standards, and analysis and enrichment of the catalog. This position will play a role in improving discovery for patrons. Specific duties include, but are not limited to: original and complex cataloging of monographs, continuing resources, non-book materials such as sound recordings, kits, videos, etc.; performing authority work; evaluating catalog data for resource discovery; and keeping current with issues and trends in cataloging. The candidates must also possess the ability to deal with change and ambiguity in an academic setting. Responsibilities of the position will evolve as the library environment continues to change.

The University of Alabama Libraries is engaged as a beta partner on the FOLIO project. The Metadata Librarians will work as part of the FOLIO project management cycle as modules are developed and tested. University Libraries currently is a Voyager site and uses Ebsco Discovery Services as its discovery layer.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Masters in Library Science from an ALA-accredited program.
- Experience creating cataloging records and performing authority control.
- Knowledge of relevant foundational metadata and technologies including but not limited to: RDA, LCC, LCSH, MARC21, etc.
- Experience using OCLC Connexion.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently, as well as collaboratively with diverse constituencies.
- Comfortable with ambiguity.
- Excellent verbal and written communication, including associated skills such as listening and adapting.
- Ability to solve problems independently or collaboratively, using sound judgment in decision-making.
- Familiar with professional standards, best practices, and emerging technologies in metadata and libraries.
- Willingness to explore new technologies and to find ways to incorporate them in order to enhance services and complete tasks more efficiently.
- Ability to adapt quickly to new standards and technologies.
- Job duties continue to change with the evolving research library environment

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1-2 years' professional experience with cataloging or metadata creation in an academic library.
- Experience using integrated library systems (Voyager preferred).
- Knowledge of data manipulation using MarcEdit, EXCEL, or OpenRefine.
- Knowledge of batch loading MARC records.
- Knowledge of linked data models and emerging tools such as LRM, RDF, RDFa, BIBFRAME, etc.
- Knowledge of non-MARC metadata schemas including but not limited to Dublin Core, and MODS.
- Knowledge of EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS).

ENVIRONMENT: The University of Alabama, The Capstone University, is the State of Alabama's flagship public university and the senior comprehensive doctoral level institution in Alabama. UA enrolls over 38,000 students. Ranked among the top 60 public universities in the nation in U.S. News and World Report's annual college rankings for more than a decade, UA ranked 51st among public universities in the 2018 rankings. University of Alabama students continue to win prestigious national awards. Fifty-one UA students have been named Goldwater Scholars, including four in 2017. The University of Alabama has produced a total of 15 Rhodes Scholars, 16 Truman Scholars, 32 Hollings Scholars and 11 Boren Scholars. The University of Alabama is a leader among public universities nationwide in the enrollment of National Merit Scholars with more than 500 currently enrolled. Under the leadership of President Stuart Bell, UA has launched a strategic planning process that includes an aggressive research agenda and expansion of graduate education. UA is located in Tuscaloosa, a metropolitan area of 200,000, with a vibrant economy, a moderate climate, and a reputation across the South as an innovative, progressive community with an excellent quality of life. Tuscaloosa provides easy access to mountains, several large cities, and the beautiful Gulf Coast.

The University Libraries maintains memberships in the Association of Research Libraries, the Center for Research Libraries, the Coalition for Networked Information, centerNet, LYRASIS, the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries, the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries, the Digital Preservation Network, and the Alabama Digital Preservation Network. As a U.S. Government Documents Regional Depository, the UA Libraries serves Alabama libraries and the public. The University Libraries homepage may be accessed at <http://www.libraries.ua.edu>

Prior to employment the successful candidate must pass a pre-employment background investigation.

SALARY/BENEFITS: 12 month non-tenure track renewable faculty appointment at the Assistant Professor rank. Salary is \$52,000-\$60,000 commensurate with qualifications and experience. Strong benefits including professional development support and tuition fee waiver.

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

Consideration of applications will begin November 1 2020 and will continue until position is filled. The

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For questions regarding the search, contact Dr. Millie Jackson, Senior Associate Dean, at mljackson@ua.edu .

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