

Head of Collections & Scholarly Resource Strategies

Rowland Medical Library, University of Mississippi Medical Center

Jackson, Mississippi

Lead the collections and scholarly resources team at the state's only academic health sciences center, shaping how clinicians, researchers, and students access the information they need to teach, heal, and discover. This is a hands-on leadership role for someone who wants real ownership over budget strategy, vendor relationships, and the systems that connect an entire health sciences campus to its library.

You'll manage a two-person team and report directly to the Library Director, with genuine influence over how the collections budget is spent and how the library's digital infrastructure evolves.

What You'll Do

- Own the full lifecycle of library materials in every format—selection, acquisition, cataloging, and ongoing assessment—and shape collection development strategy alongside the Research and Education team, including evaluating new titles and trial subscriptions for faculty and accreditation needs.
- Partner with the Library Director on the annual materials budget, track expenditures, and run cost-use analyses that actually inform decisions.
- Negotiate licenses and contracts directly with publishers and vendors, manage database subscriptions, and represent the library in consortia projects with other institutions.
- Serve as the primary liaison for the library management system, keep knowledge bases, proxy configurations, and discovery tools up to date, and troubleshoot access issues as they arise.
- Supervise and mentor two FTEs, serve on internal and external committees, and stay connected to the field through professional organizations and continuing education.

What You Bring

- ALA-accredited master's degree (or equivalent degree plus relevant experience)
- 1-2 years of experience in acquisitions, serials, or e-resources
- Familiarity with reviewing and negotiating license agreements
- Experience with an electronic resources management system, link resolver, or knowledge base
- A track record of working with library publishers and vendors
- Strong prioritization skills and the ability to manage a varied workload
- A collaborative style that works across all levels of an organization
- Excellent written, verbal, and interpersonal communication skills

Nice to Have (Not Required)

- Supervisory experience
- Experience assessing resources through usage stats or cost-per-use analysis
- Familiarity with OCLC WorldShare
- Experience with large-scale subscription renewals through a subscription agent
- Background in an academic health sciences library

Why UMMC

UMMC is Mississippi's only academic health science center, with a mission to improve the lives of Mississippians through education, research, and cutting-edge patient care, including efforts to eliminate health disparities based on race, geography, income, or social status. Spanning six health science schools and nearly 3,000 students, UMMC offers competitive salaries, genuine investment in career development, and a Jackson-area setting with a temperate climate and low cost of living.

Benefits: Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience. In addition to base salary, this role includes a strong total compensation package: eligibility to participate in the State of MS Public Employees Retirement Plan, generous paid personal and medical leave plus 10 paid holidays, six weeks paid parental leave, optional 403(b)/457 retirement plans, tuition scholarships, and on-campus perks like wellness programs and Quick Care clinic access—plus medical, dental, and vision insurance from date of hire.

To Apply

Submit a letter of application, CV, and contact information for three references to

https://ummc.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/UMCCareers/details/Head---Collections---Scholarly-Resource-Strategist_R00051268-1?q=librarian.

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