

## **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SPRINGFIELD UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN AND DEAN, LIBRARY INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES**

The University of Illinois Springfield (UIS) is one of three campuses of the world-class University of Illinois. Ranked by US News & World Report as one of the top 10 regional public universities in the Midwest, UIS is home to four colleges (Business and Management; Education and Human Services; Liberal Arts and Sciences; and Public Affairs and Administration) and offers 24 bachelor's degree programs, 20 master's programs, and 1 doctoral program. We seek an outstanding new University Librarian and Dean, Library Instructional Services, as chief executive officer for Brookens Library. The University Librarian and Dean must be a person who can lead energetically and with vision, and who has a substantial record of professional excellence related to the oversight and management of all aspects of library operations, including budget, personnel, facilities, technology, policy development, instruction, fundraising, information literacy, Friends of Library facilitation, and co-curricular programming.

Located in the state capital, UIS has established a reputation for *Leadership lived*, based upon four core strengths: the educational richness of its teaching-focused academic experience; the exceptional internship and fieldwork opportunities that allow students to collaborate with faculty and gain practical experience through institutional partners; the right-sized supportive community it offers; and its tradition of educating public servants and leaders in private and public sectors. UIS is a community-engaged campus whose students contribute over 66,000 hours of community service each year. The campus is also a major economic driver in the Central Illinois region, generating more than \$176 million in income for the local economy annually.

Our diverse student body reflects the ethnic, racial, and international composition of our world, and we serve multiple populations of students, including freshmen and transfer students at the undergraduate level, and both traditionally aged and working professional populations at the graduate level. Faculty members are accomplished teacher-scholars, and the campus has a national reputation for innovation in teaching and excellence in online education. UIS students have the flexibility of choosing courses delivered on-campus and/or online, which promotes progress toward timely degree completion, and many of UIS' degree programs are offered fully online as well as on campus.

Norris L Brookens Library supports teaching, learning and community at the University of Illinois Springfield, with a collection of more than 747,000 total volumes; more than 205,000 e-books; over 21,000 films, and over 164 databases containing articles from nearly 60,000 journals and other materials. Brookens Library is an official repository for United States government publications, with nearly 200,000 government documents included in the various formats listed above. The availability of this robust digital collection, as well as the online help offered by Brookens' librarians, makes the library a valuable resource for online students, as well as on-campus students. Brookens Library consists of six departments: Administration, Archives, LISP (Library Instructional Services Program), Library Systems, Technical Services, and User Services, with 24 staff, nine of whom will be directly supervised by the Dean. Students find spaces for both collaborative work and quiet study in the library, as well as opportunity to work with excellent library staff through student employment and training opportunities.

The ideal candidate will be a creative, inspiring, and energetic leader who can advance the Library's mission; a skilled administrator who values collaborative governance and student-centeredness; and a visionary who is well-informed about emerging trends in 21st Century academic libraries. He/She will have experience in administration in an academic or research library setting; demonstrated knowledge and/or experience with full range of library technology systems, library instructional services, public services, metadata creation and management, and online user experience. The successful candidate must hold an MLS from an ALA-accredited institution (advanced study beyond the MLS is desirable). Additional information about the position, including a Leadership Profile, can be found at [www.wittkieffer.com](http://www.wittkieffer.com).

Inquiries, nominations, and applications are invited. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. For fullest consideration, applicant materials should be received by March 22, 2016. Candidates should provide a curriculum vitae, a letter of application that addresses the responsibilities and requirements described in the Leadership Profile, and the names and contact information of five references. References will not be contacted without prior knowledge and approval of candidates. These materials should be sent electronically via e-mail to the University of Illinois Springfield consultants, Katherine Haley, Ph.D. and Mercedes Vance at [UIS-DeanLibrary@wittkieffer.com](mailto:UIS-DeanLibrary@wittkieffer.com). The consultants can be reached by telephone through Crystal McClain at 630-575-6948.

*UIS is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer with a strong institutional commitment to recruitment and retention of a diverse and inclusive campus community. Women, minorities, veterans, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.*

**The University of Illinois may conduct background checks on all job candidates upon acceptance of a contingent offer of employment. Background checks will be performed in compliance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act.**