

Dean of Libraries Butler University

Butler University invites applications and nominations for the position of Dean of Libraries. The University is seeking a collaborative and visionary leader who is passionate about promoting the library in support of the University's mission of providing the highest quality of liberal and professional education. The ideal candidate will understand the evolving roles of academic libraries in higher education and will lead efforts in space utilization, information literacy, and digital collection initiatives.

The library facilities consist of the main Irwin Library, opened in 1963, and a Science Library. The library strives to serve as a center of the Butler community, to work with students and faculty inside and outside the classroom, to support and showcase faculty scholarship, and to develop collections – including archives and digital collections -- that will serve researchers at Butler and beyond. The Dean supervises a unit comprising eleven faculty librarians and fourteen professional staff, with an annual budget of approximately \$3,000,000. The Dean reports to the Provost.

Responsibilities:

- Provide leadership for the library while promoting the library's vision and goals to the larger university community.
- Work in partnership with the University's academic leadership to advance strategic planning goals for the University.
- Oversee overall library administration including personnel, budget, policy development, facilities planning, and services.
- Coordinate assessment of library resources and services to determine how to strengthen the Libraries' impact on student learning and faculty scholarship and creative activity.
- Collaborate with Center for Academic Technology and Information Technology to ensure optimal provision of library services to the University community. Support excellence in library staff development by advocating for and promoting librarian and staff professional growth and facilitating an environment of team-building and collaboration.
- Work with University Advancement to find, cultivate, solicit, and steward individual, corporate, and foundation philanthropy in support of University Libraries. Promote Butler's libraries and exhibit leadership in professional organizations, including the Private Academic Library Network of Indiana.

Qualifications:

The ideal candidate will have an MLS degree from an ALA-accredited university. A second graduate or professional degree is preferred. Applicants should have a minimum of ten years of related work experience, with progressively responsible managerial experience in a higher education library setting. The candidate should have

experience planning, prioritizing, and monitoring budgets in an academic environment and have knowledge of current trends in library technology, collections, services, and facilities, understanding the priorities and interdependencies of each functional area. The capability and willingness to lead in grant-writing and fund-raising initiatives is expected. The candidate will demonstrate excellence in interpersonal, teaching, and collaborative skills as well as a commitment to supporting the academic experiences and interests of an intellectually and culturally diverse campus community.

Academic and professional credentials should include a record of achievement sufficient for appointment as a full professor. This is a 12-month administrative position with faculty status.

Review of applications will begin December 15, 2011 and continue until the position is filled. The screening and interview process will take place in early 2012. Candidates should submit an application electronically, including a cover letter, resume or curriculum vitae, and references to Stuart Glennan, Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Library Dean Search Chair. E-mail to sglennan@butler.edu.

About the University:

Butler University, a private university founded in 1855 by attorney and abolitionist Ovid Butler, is home to about 4,000 undergraduate and 700 graduate students in six colleges and more than 60 academic majors. Located in Indianapolis, a thriving metropolitan area of approximately 1.5 million, Butler occupies 290 acres in a vibrant and diverse neighborhood near the White River on the northwest side of Indianapolis. The University offers liberal arts and professional education with the goal of fostering lifelong learning, community service and global awareness.

Butler University is committed to enhancing the diversity of the student body and our faculty and staff. It is our policy to provide equal opportunities for employment and advancement for all individuals regardless of age, gender, race, religion, color, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, national origin, or any other legally-protected category.

For more information about the Butler University Libraries, please visit <http://www.butler.edu/library/>.