

MU Libraries seeks an innovative and collaborative librarian to serve as Social Sciences and Government Information Librarian. Reporting to the Head of Research and Information Services, this librarian will serve as a subject librarian for political science, public administration, public affairs, data services and government information services. The librarian in this position will also serve as the Regional Librarian in Missouri for the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Entry level and experienced librarians are encouraged to apply. Training and mentorship will be provided.

### Description of Duties

1. Engages in library **liaison** activities with assigned academic disciplines in political science, public administration and public affairs.
  - Serves as a proactive ambassador to highlight Libraries' services, resources, and partnerships to meet student and faculty needs.
  - Keeps abreast of trends and developments in information resources, scholarly communication, digital scholarship, and open educational resources, especially in assigned disciplines.
  - Supports open data and research impact.
2. Provides the entire range of in-person and online **reference and research support services** (some evening and weekend hours required), providing high quality and timely services.
  - Provides research support to students and faculty in assigned disciplines, and general research support as needed.
  - Participates in the planning and delivery of team-based virtual research services (i.e., chat, text, email, and telephone).
  - Collaborates in the design, implementation, and maintenance of relevant online tools and services in order to integrate library services and resources into the workflow of teaching, learning, and research.
3. Provides **instruction/information literacy** services.
  - Plans, coordinates, and delivers in-person and online library instruction that incorporates active learning and assessment.
  - Develops and maintains online guides and digital learning objects to support courses and disciplinary research.
  - Contributes, as needed, to teaching general and interdisciplinary instruction.
4. Contributes to building and managing collections that are broad, forward-looking, and that meet the research and curricular needs of assigned departments.

- Communicates regularly with faculty regarding collection priorities, needs, and access.
  - Maintains familiarity with publishing and research trends.
  - Manages budget allocations and expenditures and monitors usage patterns.
5. Manages all library services and resources related to participation in the Federal Depository Program
- Ensures that the Libraries meet their obligations under Title 44 of the U.S. Code authorizing the Federal Depository Library Program.
  - Responsible for the development, organization and management of the libraries' government information collections.
  - Provides in-depth reference/research assistance and instruction related to government information.
  - Provides instruction in the use of government information and data.
  - Fulfills responsibilities as the Regional Librarian in Missouri for the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP)
  - Supervise one or more student employees.
  - Manage gift fund dedicated to government documents.
6. Supports students/faculty/staff needing machine-readable datasets for new and original research projects.
- Manages the libraries' campus memberships in the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) and the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research.
  - Assist users with identification and access of public use datasets to address research needs.
  - Provide instruction and reference assistance related to data services.
7. Actively engages in networking, **professional development**, and other scholarly activities.
- Contributes to and learns from the profession through local, state, and national professional organizations, presentations, and publications.
  - Identifies and integrates best practices in service, teaching and learning, and scholarly activity.
8. Advances the Libraries' and University's mission through **service**.
- Participates in committees and task forces within the Libraries, University, and the profession.

- Maintains professional collaborations with other campus constituencies, consortia colleagues, and community organizations.
9. Works with colleagues to create a learning and working environment that is welcoming and supports the entire University's community.
  10. Performs other related duties as assigned.

## **Qualifications**

### **Education:**

Master's degree from a program accredited by the American Library Association (ALA) or from a program in a country with a formal accreditation process as identified by ALA.

### **Candidates will also be evaluated on the following:**

- Strong commitment to user-centered library service.
- Education, experience, and/or strong demonstrated interest in providing research support in social sciences.
- Demonstrated interest in growing expertise and abilities to support government information.
- Demonstrated interest in growing expertise and abilities to support data services.
- Interest in providing library instruction and reference in a variety of modalities.
- Interest in and aptitude for exploring new technologies and innovations supporting teaching and research.
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively in a demanding and rapidly changing environment.
- Ability to communicate effectively, including excellent interpersonal skills as well as verbal and written skills.
- Ability to adjust priorities, take initiative, set goals, and complete projects.
- Positive, proactive approach to problem-solving.
- Interest in or familiarity with collection development.
- Desire to seek out new responsibilities, generate new ideas, and pursue self-development.

## **Application Materials**

Apply online at <https://hr.missouri.edu/job-openings> with Job ID 57941. A cover letter, contact information for three references and CV must be uploaded through the brief online application. Preference for applications received by January 2, 2026. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

## **Salary**

Salary and librarian rank will be commensurate with experience within an expected range of \$58,500-\$68,000 per year. This position holds non-tenure track (NTT) faculty status. For information regarding title and rank, please review the MU Libraries' Librarian and Archivist Governance Document found at: [https://libraryguides.missouri.edu/ld.php?content\\_id=79094147](https://libraryguides.missouri.edu/ld.php?content_id=79094147).

### **Columbia Missouri Information**

Columbia, Mo., is known as an ideal college town, combining small-town comforts, community spirit and low cost of living with big-city culture, activities, and resources. Home to nationally renowned public schools and other colleges and educational centers, Columbia is packed with restaurants and entertainment venues and hosts more than a dozen annual cultural festivals. The University of Missouri (MU, Mizzou) was founded in 1839 in Columbia, MO, as the first public university west of the Mississippi River. Today, MU's 31,000+ students represent every Missouri county, all 50 states and 100 countries. As the state's largest and most comprehensive university, MU offers more than 300-degree programs, including 89 online options, through 12 colleges and schools and is one of only six public universities nationwide that has a school of medicine, veterinary medicine college, and a law school. The MU Office of Extension & Engagement extends the benefits of MU research to Missouri's citizens in all 114 counties in Missouri.

Considered one of the nation's top-tier institutions, MU is the only public institution in Missouri to be a member of the Association of American Universities (AAU). The University of Missouri Libraries belong to the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), the Greater Western Library Alliance (GWLA), the Center for Research Libraries, the HathiTrust, and the statewide MOBIUS consortium.

For more information on the University of Missouri and the Columbia area, please visit the following:

- [University of Missouri - Columbia](#)
- [University of Missouri Libraries](#)
- [Columbia Convention and Visitor's Bureau](#)

### **Benefit Eligibility**

This position is eligible for University benefits. The University offers a comprehensive benefits package, including medical, dental and vision plans, retirement, paid time off, and educational fee discounts. For additional information on University benefits, please visit the Faculty & Staff Benefits website at <http://www.umsystem.edu/totalrewards/benefits>.