



Inviting Applications and Nominations for the
**Dean of the
Thomas G. Carpenter
Library**
at the
University of North Florida



Thomas G. Carpenter
Library

Executive Search for the Dean of the Library

The University of North Florida, a comprehensive public university in Jacksonville, seeks a visionary, collaborative leader to serve as the Dean of the Thomas G. Carpenter Library. The Dean is the chief administrator of the university library and reports directly to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Applications and nominations are now being accepted.

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THE OPPORTUNITY

Located in one of the nation's top cities for quality of life and affordability, the University of North Florida serves more than 17,000 students and offers 50 undergraduate and 35 graduate degrees. The recently renovated Thomas G. Carpenter Library is surrounded by beautiful grounds, a nature preserve, and an active community of students and faculty scholars.

UNF's mission is to foster the intellectual and cultural growth and civic communities in the region and beyond. The Carpenter Library supports the educational goals of the University by providing information resources, services, and programs that encourage study and learning, support instruction and academic programs, facilitate research and scholarship, and engage the university-at-large and the broader communities it serves.

This position is an exceptional opportunity for an experienced library

administrator to lead an outstanding professional staff and serve the students and faculty of one of Florida's growing institutions of higher education.

The Dean of the Thomas G. Carpenter Library is a 12-month administrative faculty position with responsibility for the organization, administration, operation, and evaluation of library services, physical facilities, staff, collection, and budgets. A non-tenure track position with University Librarian rank, the Dean, along with faculty, staff, and students, strives to meet the educational objectives of the University by playing an active role in developing the library's collections and services and the growing area of digital collections and application of emergent technologies.

The Dean serves on the UNF Council of Deans. Convened by the Provost, the Council considers a broad array of areas including strategic planning, institutional effectiveness, budgeting, curricular and



administrative issues, academic policies, and college/Academic Affairs initiatives aimed at enhancing both faculty and student life on campus.

Beyond the University, the Dean works closely with other Florida public university library deans as well as represents the Library in the community and at the state and national level.

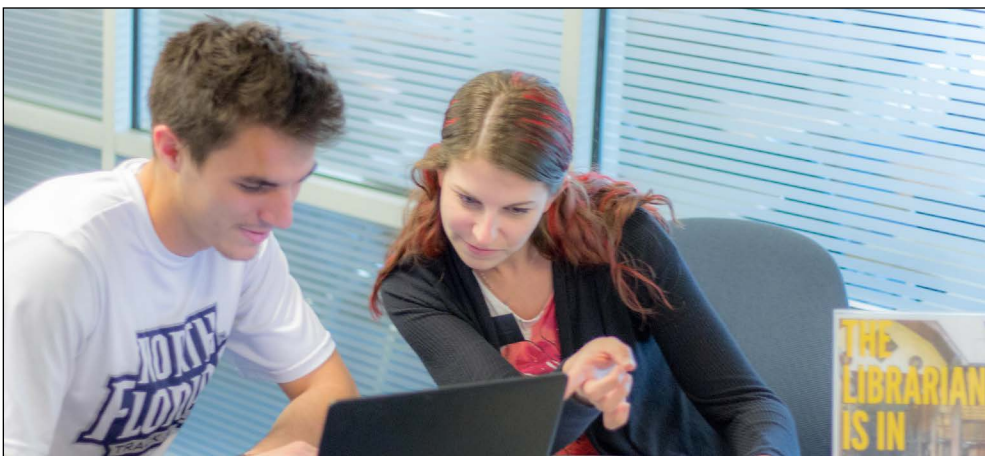
QUALIFICATIONS

The successful candidate will have an ALA accredited master's degree or its equivalent as well as an additional advanced degree. A Ph.D. or other doctoral-level degree is preferred.

A strong background in managing library services with positions of increasing responsibility in library administration at the division head level or above in an academic institution that includes master-level programs is required. Candidates must have documented experience with technology appropriate to university libraries. A record of research and scholarship in library-related issues and experience in an institution with doctoral programs are highly desirable.

The candidate must demonstrate:

- leadership and vision
- ability to work collegially with University faculty from all disciplines in an atmosphere of shared governance





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- commitment to community outreach and fundraising
- experience in strategic planning
- a record of participation in state and/or national library organizations

THOMAS G. CARPENTER LIBRARY

The attractive four-story, 199,000 sq. ft. Carpenter Library is located at the center of the university. Named in honor of the university's first president, the Carpenter Library averages 750,000 visits by faculty, staff, students, and community visitors each year.

The Library employs 19 library faculty, 4 administrative and professional staff,

18 university support personnel staff, and 34 library student assistants. Its recently renovated first and second floors include a Library Commons that provides students ample opportunities for collaborative learning, access to an information technology help desk, and tutoring in an array of disciplines.

The academic hub of the campus, the Library has a seating capacity of 2,000. Over 400 computers are available for use 119.5 hours each week and 24/7 during four weeks of both the fall and spring semesters. The Carpenter Library collections include 720,477 print volumes, 543,121 digital books, 284 databases, and 224,438 print and digital serials.

In 2017-2018, the Library's public services had 776,931 turnstile entries, 15,960 questions asked and answered, 143 library instruction sessions attended by a total of 4,120 students, 113 outreach events, 52,089 hours of group study rooms reserved, 3,360 interlibrary loan requests filled for UNF faculty and students, and 5,388 interlibrary loan requests filled for other institutions.

The UNF Library is a member of the Florida Academic Library Service Cooperative that operates the Library's integrated library system ExLibris' Aleph for UNF and 39 other public colleges and universities statewide. The Carpenter Library manages the UNF Digital Commons, an institutional repository that includes the research, scholarly output, and special collections of the UNF community.

More information about the Library is available at www.unf.edu/library/.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA

Established in 1972, the University of North Florida has grown significantly in size and prominence, particularly in recent years. Today, UNF has an annual economic impact of more than \$1 billion and works closely with community leaders and officials to continue to

Simon J. Rhodes Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs



The University of North Florida has selected Simon J. Rhodes, Ph.D. to serve as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. He will join the University as its chief academic officer on June 30th.

Dr. Rhodes is currently Dean of the School of Science at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, where he oversees 185 faculty, 2,500 undergraduate students, as well as hundreds of graduate and doctoral students. He also holds the rank of Professor in the Department of Biology.

He has received numerous awards and honors, including the Norman Brown Diversity Scholars Program Mentor of the Year. In 2015, he was the recipient of the Dr. Joseph T. Taylor Award for Excellence in Diversity and the Purdue University College of Science Outstanding Alumni Award.

Dr. Rhodes earned his doctorate in Biochemistry/Biological Sciences from Purdue University and a bachelor's degree in biochemistry, with honors, from the University of Sheffield in the United Kingdom. He completed a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Molecular Medicine at the University of California, San Diego.



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enhance the significant role it plays in the region. The University holds a Carnegie Community Engagement classification.

The 1,300-acre wooded campus, which includes a nature preserve, beautiful lakes, and nature trails, is located between downtown Jacksonville and the Atlantic Ocean in a bustling section of Jacksonville. UNF's award-winning buildings have state-of-the-art equipment that support innovation and excellence.

Home to six colleges, the University routinely ranks high for quality and value on national lists published by *U.S. News & World Report*, *Forbes*, the *Princeton Review*, *Victory Media*, *Wall Street Journal*, and more. The entire University is committed to preparing the students for their future paths. Small class sizes, individualized attention, community engagement, and experiential learning are only a few of the hallmarks of a UNF education. More information about UNF is available at www.unf.edu.

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

The most populous city in Florida, Jacksonville has nearly 900,000 residents, with more than 1.6 million in the metropolitan area. Centered on the banks of the St. Johns River and the Atlantic Ocean in northeast Florida, the city has a wide array of beach and coastal communities. This top-rated regional business center offers a reasonable cost of living and an outstanding quality of life. Florida also does not have a personal income tax.

The city has garnered numerous national rankings and accolades, including "The 10 Best Big Cities to Live in Right Now" (*Money Magazine* - 2018), No. 5 for "Most Popular Cities to Which Millennials are Moving" (*SmartAsset* - 2018), and No. 2 for "Most Up-&-Coming Cities in America" (*Time* - 2017).

Quality public and private schools,



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excellent health care services, and an international airport are available. With restaurants, shops, entertainment, museums, parks, arts, music, and professional sports, this city offers it all.

The mild winters allow for year-around

outdoor recreation. Swimming and surfing are popular at nearby barrier island beaches, such as Jacksonville Beach and Neptune Beach. The area also has championship golf courses, including Ponte Vedra Beach's TPC Sawgrass, headquarters of the PGA Tour.

APPLICATIONS & NOMINATIONS

Confidential inquiries are welcomed; nominations are invited.

Application packet must include:

- Letter of interest
- Current resume/curriculum vitae
- At least five references with full contact and e-mail information
(References will not be contacted without applicant's consent.)

Submit application packet to UNF@myersmcrae.com by **April 22, 2019**, for best consideration. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Submit nominations to UNF-nominate@myersmcrae.com with contact and e-mail information on the individual being nominated.

Emily Parker Myers, CEO, and **Jennifer Barfield**, Senior Vice President, of **Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting**, are assisting the University of North Florida with this search.



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