

**W. Wayne Booker Chair for Information Literacy
and Professor of Library Science**

The Purdue Libraries seeks a creative, innovative, dynamic, and experienced candidate to serve as the charter W. Wayne Booker Chair for Information Literacy. The Chair will provide leadership for the Libraries' teaching and learning mission internally, University-wide, and beyond. This is a unique opportunity to contribute to the evaluation and influence the further development of a multi-faceted information literacy program. The first endowed chair in information literacy in the nation, the position is funded through a gift created by the late W. Wayne Booker, Purdue alumnus committed to the goals of lifelong learning and the development of critical thinking and communication skills.

Responsibilities: Reporting to the Associate Dean for Learning, the Booker Chair will conceptualize and facilitate the Libraries system-wide information literacy agenda, coordinate the assessment of teaching methods and learning outcomes, and spearhead the Libraries' research agenda in the areas of instruction and learning. Serving as primary resource person and model teacher, will establish relationships and coordinate information literacy efforts among the Libraries faculty, including chairing the Information Literacy Steering Committee. As a member of the Libraries' administrative structure, will contribute to strategic and long-range planning, programmatic initiatives, and managing resources in support of the Libraries' mission and strategic goals. The Booker Chair will engage in promotion and outreach to disciplinary faculty and collaborate to infuse information literacy across the curriculum. Consistent with appointment at the rank of full professor, will participate in interdisciplinary research and other engagement opportunities and regularly contribute to the ongoing scholarly dialogue with regard to information literacy. The Booker Chair will represent the Libraries in relevant local, regional, national, and international organizations and at professional meetings.

Qualifications: A Master's Degree in Library or Information Science from an ALA-accredited program and/or doctorate in a relevant subject area. Seven or more years of increasingly responsible experience developing, providing, or managing instructional services, preferably in a large academic or research library. Demonstrated knowledge of current and emerging trends and best practices in information literacy theory and principles, as well as instructional methods, program development, and assessment; evidence of strong decision-making, organizational, and leadership skills. Excellent communication, listening, and interpersonal skills; proven problem solving abilities; analytical and presentation skills.

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Evidence of success managing complex projects. Experience working effectively and collegially in a changing and collaborative environment. Commitment to promoting and enhancing diversity. Record of achievement commensurate with Purdue requirements for appointment at the rank of full professor with tenure.

Desired: Experience with grant writing and utilizing funding from external sources.

SALARY: Commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Status and Benefits: Faculty tenure-track appointment at the rank of full professor. Twelve-month appointment with annual vacation of 22 working days and other excellent benefits. Appointment as the W. Wayne Booker Chair for Information Literacy is for a five year period, with review for reappointment.

The Libraries and the University: The Purdue University Libraries system, which consists of the Undergraduate Library, Archives and Special Collections, and 11 subject-oriented libraries, has holdings of over 2.5 million volumes and provides extensive access to electronic resources. Staff totals more than 220, including 75 faculty and professionals. An innovative information literacy instruction program promotes collaboration with teaching faculty, employing multiple approaches to integrate active learning into the University curriculum and prepare students for lifelong learning. All staff participate in carrying out the Libraries' strategic plan to accomplish measurable, outcome-oriented goals in four main areas: Learning, Discovery, Engagement and Infrastructure. The Libraries home page may be viewed at <http://www.lib.purdue.edu/>. Purdue University, the land grant university in the State of Indiana, is located less than an hour northwest of Indianapolis and about two hours southeast of Chicago. The greater Lafayette area, with a population of over 188,000, provides diverse cultural and social activities. The University completed a \$1.7 billion capital campaign in 2007.

Application Process: Send letter stating interest briefly discussing your ability to meet the requirements of the position, resume, and list of three references to Marianne Ryan, Associate Dean for Learning, Purdue University Libraries, 504 W. State Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2058; marianne@purdue.edu. Review of applications will begin March 1, 2008 and continue until the position is filled.

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