Stacks Shifting Specialist

**Department or Unit:** Access Services/Stacks  
**Salary:** Commensurate with qualifications and experience  
**Position Availability:** Immediately

**University Job Summary Statement**

Provides complex library user services and research assistance to the university and external communities. Provides access to information, resources, and materials by using a specialized knowledge of electronic databases, microcomputer applications, complex reference tools, and/or foreign languages; these may include the Internet, CD-ROMs, and on-line databases. May create bibliographic access to research materials (government documents, manuscripts, and other resources) using a specialized knowledge of national standards, electronic reference sources, and complex reference tools. May provide physical access to materials employing specialized techniques relating to conservation, binding, reproduction, and/or reformatting. May verify bibliographic information on-line and prepare requests for borrowing and lending of library materials through Interlibrary loan or other means. May hire, train, and supervise student staff. Performs related responsibilities as required.

*The above statements are intended to describe the work being performed by people assigned to this job. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills required of the personnel so classified.*

**Library Position Summary**

Reporting to the Stacks Operations Manager, the Stacks Shifting Specialist works with the Stacks Operations Supervisor and Transfer Specialist to provide to the Emory community an accessible and well-maintained print collection. This position is focused on the display and distribution of physical collections, the compiling and analysis of data reflective of current density levels, development of growth projections, and the execution of projects to shift collections.

**Type of Supervision Received**

Reporting to the Stacks Operations Manager, the Stacks Shifting Supervisor works closely with the Stacks Operations Supervisor and Transfer Specialist to present the physical collections. General direction is provided by the Director of Access Services, and the Associate Dean of Access and Resource Services.

Individual performance is informally reviewed on a regular basis and formally on an annual basis; progress toward unit and professional goals is a key component of the performance evaluation process.
**Type of Supervision Exercised**

The Stacks Shifting Specialist does not supervise staff.

This position does supervise student employees – the number of students supervised ranges from 9 – 12.

The chart below outlines the scope of supervisory authority for the incumbent.

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**Key Responsibilities & Duties**

A. **Stacks Core Responsibilities** – Participate in the operational priorities and daily circulation responsibilities of the stacks team. This work includes but is not limited to checking books in from library users, shelving, shelf-reading, measuring new acquisitions, and pulling patron requests and/or assigning and supporting student workers to do these tasks. On a rotating basis, serves as Supervisor on Duty executing and directing the work of student employees during the regular business hours.

B. **Shifting Project Design and Management** - Create and execute project plans to redistribute physical collections. This includes gathering new and using existing data to create revised layouts for the collection to accommodate new acquisitions. Close collaboration with the Transfer Specialist is essential in the strategic planning process, as manageable collection density balances material from new acquisitions with material being transferred to the Library Service Center (storage facility). Project design includes assessing the work hours needed, scheduling and directing student employees during the move of materials, and finally presenting collection density data of the post-project state to inform assessment initiatives.

C. **Data Collection and Assessment** - Measure the current state of the collection, compile growth data, and apply current transfer algorithms to create projections that will inform future transfer and shifting projects.

D. **Student Supervision** – Directs the work of 8-10 student employees on space management projects. Is responsible for training, setting standards, and supplying operational support for the student employees assigned to the projects. Serves as a designated Student Supervisor coaching and mentoring student employees to ensure successful contribution to the work of the Stacks operation and development of marketable professional skills.

**University Minimum Required Qualifications**

Bachelor's degree in a related field and two years of related work experience, OR equivalent combination of experience, education, and training. Positions in this classification may require computer skills, proficiency in a foreign language or other special skills.
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Library Required Qualifications

These qualifications are required by the library in addition to the minimum required qualifications of the University listed above.

- Intermediate to advanced knowledge of Excel.
- The ability to lead and participate in the physical movement of collections.

Library Preferred Qualifications

Preferred qualifications can be listed here if applicable. Examples:

- Experience in an academic or research institution library.
- Experience in supervising and managing student employees.
- Recent and relevant experience working in an Access Services or Circulation Department of an academic or research library.

Description of Institution and Library

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