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A great place to live, learn, and play.



The Jackson/Hinds Library System (JHLS) is headquartered in Jackson, Mississippi, the state capitol. Jackson is located in Hinds County, the largest county in the state.

Situated between Memphis, New Orleans and Atlanta where Interstate 55 and Interstate 20 intersect, Jackson, Mississippi is known as the *Crossroads of the South*.

According to VisitJackson.com, “Jackson is a great place to explore 29 unique museums and attractions, more than 300 restaurants, annual events and festivals, three historic cultural districts, innumerable visual and performing arts and cool nightlife.”



Affordable
Cost of Living



Quality
Schools



Rich History
& Culture



Fine Dining,
Art &
Entertainment



Jackson, Mississippi was listed by Forbes Magazine in 2019 as one of the Best Places for Business and Careers.

Museums

- Civil Rights Museum
- Mississippi Museum of Art
- Mississippi Museum of Natural Science
- Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum
- Smith Robertson Museum
- Mississippi Children's Museum
- Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame

Local Colleges and Universities

- Belhaven University
- Millsaps College
- Mississippi College
- Tougaloo College
- Jackson State University
- Hinds Community College (3 locations)
- Holmes Community College (Ridgeland Campus)

Major Shopping Centers

- The Outlet Mall in Pearl
- Sam's Wholesale Club (Madison & Pearl)
- Costco Wholesale (Ridgeland)
- Northpark Mall (Ridgeland)
- Dogwood Festival Market Promenade (Flowood)

Tourist Attractions

- Medgar Evers' Home
- Eudora Welty House and Garden (near Belhaven University)
- The Fondren District
- LeFleur's Bluff State Park
- Safari Tours at McClain Resort (Brandon)
- Clinton Nature Center (Clinton)

Major Manufacturing Companies

- Continental Tire (Clinton)
- Nissan North American (Canton)



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**A great place
to work!**

The Jackson-Hinds Library System (JHLS), Jackson, MS, one of the largest systems in the state of Mississippi, invite applicants for the position of **Executive Director**. JHLS serves a population of 231,840 (in 2019) and 14 full-service branches; a staff of 61 full-time employees. A 14-member Administrative Board appointed by the city and county officials governs JHLS.

Jackson is the capital of the state of Mississippi. Jackson and Hinds County are home to four universities/colleges, a community college, a medical school and a law school, all of which affect the reading public. The website is located at www.jhlibrary.org.

ABOUT US:

We provide public library service to urban metropolitan Jackson and Hinds County, Mississippi, the state capital. Our goal is to provide quality service through our 14 locations.

Mission Statement:

Connecting communities to a world of information.

We are known for:

Fine-free cards for children and teens

An annual Summer Reading Program with high engagement and quality programming

Services and resources for underserved populations, including campaigns such as Food for Fines

A diverse, hardworking staff with a wide range of skills, experience and cultural knowledge

Qualifications:

- ALA-accredited MLS required, with additional degree or course work in management preferred.
- Seven years of progressively responsible professional public library experience, five of which include administrative or supervisory responsibilities.
- Demonstrated ability to work with public officials, board members, staff, community leaders, and the public.
- Effective management and leadership ability.
- Successful record in budgetary planning.
- Experience in library design and maintenance.
- Knowledge of current library technology and social media platforms.
- Knowledge of collection development.
- Expertise in strategic planning.
- Experience or knowledge of fundraising campaigns and grant writing.
- Skill in public relations, speaking and writing.
- Must be a resident of Hinds County or must relocate to Hinds County within (3) three months and become a part of the community.

Compensation Package:

- Full benefits package; starting salary of \$81,000, commensurate with experience and qualifications.
- JHLS is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

An online application, cover letter, resume, three references, and a brief statement of public library service philosophy should be mailed to:

**Search Committee, Chair
Jackson-Hinds Library System
300 North State Street
Jackson, MS 39201**

Or via e-mail to:

bnichols@jhlibrary.org in PDF form (preferred method)

Application deadline: Open until filled

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