

# I.1 ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF LIBRARY FACULTY

The Drew University Library Faculty is responsible for the academic program of the University Library. Guided by the University's mission, the program includes resource selection, organization of the collections, archival preservation\*,\*reference and research assistance, and instruction that fosters information literacy. In all its work, the Library attends to issues of intellectual freedom as embodied in the *Library Bill of Rights* (American Library Association, 1948, 1996). [1]

It is the responsibility of the Library Faculty to monitor and contribute to the fields of librarianship and information technology, to explore new developments in those fields, and to apply them judiciously within the Drew Library. Librarians are members of the community of scholars; their professional activities may include subject specialization in fields other than librarianship.

Acting as a group, in collaboration with the Dean and in consultation with other relevant parties, the Library Faculty shall discuss, advise, and/or make policy on issues pertaining to professional librarianship, including but not limited to collection development, information literacy and bibliographic instruction, supporting and contributing to scholarship and scholarly endeavors, and outreach programming.

The Library Faculty operates like other academic units with respect to decisions on appointments, promotions, conditions of service, and related matters of internal governance, as defined in the University's *By-Laws* and the *Faculty Personnel Policy*.

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[1] See <http://www.ala.org/work/freedom/lbr.html>.