Located in the beautiful Fraser Valley just east of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, the University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) is a fully accredited, public university that enrolls approximately 15,000 students per year. UFV has been recognized as one of BC’s Top Employers (2020), which is a highly valued factor for the 1400 passionate professionals who work there. Students value the fact that UFV is large enough to offer variety, yet has small class sizes, so they can get to know their instructors and learn in a hands-on environment. The University offers more than 100 programs, including three master’s degrees, 17 bachelor’s degrees with majors, minors, and extended minors in more than 35 subject areas, four graduate certificates, and more than a dozen trades and technology programs. The main campus of UFV is located in beautiful Abbotsford, British Columbia, with a second large campus in Chilliwack. There are also additional campus locations in Mission and Hope.

UFV recognizes and honours the contribution that Aboriginal people have made — and continue to make — to our community. Long before Canada was formed, the Stó:lō (people of the river) occupied the land on which UFV is located. They lived in the Fraser Valley and lower Fraser Canyon of British Columbia and they spoke Halq’eméylem, also known as the upriver dialect. UFV supports Indigenous learners and seeks to incorporate indigenous ways of knowing in the curriculum.

Reporting to the Provost and Vice President, Academic, the University Librarian (UL) provides strategic leadership for all functions of the library, working collaboratively with internal and external stakeholders to support the mission of the University of the Fraser Valley. As a member of the university’s senior academic and administrative leadership, the University Librarian ensures that the library is a partner in teaching and learning, research, faculty and student recruitment and retention, risk management, staff development and budgeting, fundraising and community relations, and equity, diversity and inclusion. The University Librarian will actively participate in UFV’s strategic leadership while ensuring alignment between the Library’s resources, programs and plans with those of the University and the emerging practices of library services.

The ideal candidate will possess a Masters of Library Science/Studies (MLS) or Masters of Library and Information Science/Studies (MLIS) from an ALA accredited institution, plus a minimum of ten (10) years progressive leadership experience. The next University Librarian should demonstrate a record of excellence in academic library administration and a thorough understanding of the emerging trends in library services and technologies. The right candidate will also show a strong commitment to service-oriented collaboration and outreach with multiple campus constituencies, excellent communication and relationship building skills, and a demonstrated ability to develop and deliver a quality library service for clients. Experience working and managing within a unionized environment is required.

If you are interested in this opportunity, contact Katherine Frank (kfrank@kbrs.ca) or Debra Clinton (dclinton@kbrs.ca) or submit your application online at www.kbrs.ca/career/14382.

The University of the Fraser Valley is strongly committed to equity and diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from women, racialized persons/persons of colour, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, persons of all sexual orientations and genders, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however,
Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. Application materials, including letters of reference, will be handled in accordance with the “Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act” (British Columbia).

Members of the above designated groups must self-identify to be considered for employment equity. Candidates may self-identify, in confidence, by filling out a Self-Identification Questionnaire, which will be provided by KBRS to all applicants.