Biography for Dr. K. Matthew Dames

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K. Matthew Dames, a nationally recognized scholar in copyright law and an experienced innovator in academic libraries, has served as university librarian for Boston University since July 2018. In this role, Dr. Dames serves as the chief executive, academic, administrative, and talent officer for Boston University Libraries, BU’s multibranch Charles River Campus library system. Dr. Dames’ vision of BU Libraries is to be the most effective and most impactful academic library enterprise in the United States.

Currently, Dr. Dames plays an integral role in BU’s strategic planning process as Chair of the Subcommittee on Scholarly Resources & Services – Libraries, which is guiding the University in envisioning how the Libraries can support faculty and students in a digital, interdisciplinary, and collaborative environment. Dr. Dames also serves as acting director for the Howard Gotlieb Archival Research Center, BU’s distinctive collections division, which joined BU Libraries in July 2019.