

## **Denise Stephens - Biography**

Ms. Stephens has served as Vice Provost for Information Services and Chief Information Officer at the University of Kansas since 2005. She is responsible for administration and strategic development of the KU Lawrence campus Libraries, central computing, network and telecommunications – services supporting information discovery, utilization, transfer, storage, and preservation. During her service, KU has implemented significant information and records management initiatives, collaborative research services, and implemented the first open access policy among American public universities. Ms. Stephens' professional background is founded in librarianship, with extensive experience in technology-enhanced library services, organizational development, and assessment. She has promoted the goal of increasing access to scholarship and public information in organizations such as BioOne and the U.S. Depository Library Council. She contributes to the advancement of the library profession's leadership and research capacity through the Simmons College GSLIS advisory board on managerial leadership. Ms. Stephens has published and presented on issues related to leadership, organizational development, and technology in research libraries.

Prior to returning to KU in 2005, she served as Associate University Librarian for Public Services and Acting University Librarian at Syracuse University. Serving as Director of Anschutz Library at KU, she led the integration of multiple library collections and departments into a single multidisciplinary research library. She served the University of Virginia Libraries in roles ranging from public services and maps librarian to director of one of the Libraries' digital centers and Science Libraries service manager. She is an Oklahoma native, where she received a Masters of Library and Information Studies and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Oklahoma.