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The Liaison Program increases the library’s impact on research, teaching, and learning outcomes of the university through direct, periodic engagement by subject librarians with faculty across disciplines. These activities include providing direct expertise in collection development; research data; outreach; reference and advanced research assistance; scholarly communications; and library instruction in each subject librarian’s individual areas of responsibility.

Reference and Advanced Research Assistance

Subject librarians regularly consult with faculty and students about their research needs. They advise and instruct on library tools and specialized services that meet those needs and stay abreast of faculty research in order to make continual recommendations.

Outreach

Subject librarians liaise with faculty, students and the community beyond Washington University for their areas of responsibility. They identify, meet and facilitate ongoing communication about users’ resource and service needs and are responsive to inquiries from the external community. They market these services through the use of targeted emails, office hours, online learning objects, blogs, newsletters and other sources of direct marketing to enhance awareness of library services.

Collection Development

Subject librarians develop, maintain and manage distinct collections of greatest value to Washington University faculty, students and staff in collaboration and consultation with the Libraries Technical and Access Services departments. They support research and instruction by offering resources in relevant formats and languages and strive to make those materials easily accessible to their constituents.

Research Data

Subject librarians maintain a working knowledge of issues that arise during the research data lifecycle: conceptualization, analysis, visualization, management, sharing and curation, as well as assist in identifying applicable tools. Subject librarians work closely with colleagues in Data Services to assist users with their research data needs and/or refer to the appropriate functional experts when appropriate.

Scholarly Communication

Subject librarians inform and educate our community about the changing nature of scholarship, including open access publishing, public access practices and options for publishing, curating and sharing research and scholarly output in order to aid faculty and students in making informed publishing choices. Members of Digital Library Program Services and the Scholarly Communications Librarian collaborate with subject librarians when advanced assistance is required.

Library Instruction

Subject librarians collaborate with colleagues in the Instruction and Information Literacy Program and beyond the libraries on delivering, planning and assessing strategic and effective instruction and learning materials in order to meet the curricular needs of faculty and students.

Contact your subject librarian to learn more about how we can help assure your success.