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Reference & 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 communications 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 opportunities, 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 the Washington University community, 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, including conceptualization, analysis, visualization, management, sharing, and curation, and also 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.

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 ensure your success.