

Identifying Novel Library Liaison Roles in Academic Health and Natural Sciences

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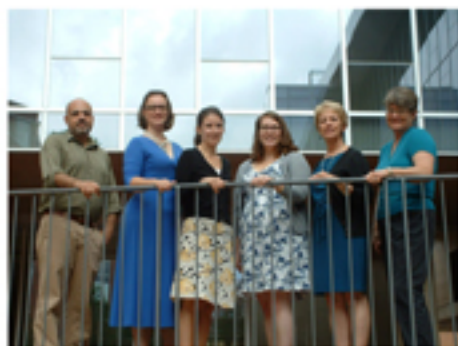
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Abstract

Twelve health and natural science liaison librarians created lists of services that they currently provide and services they would provide given additional resources and constituent interest. Services were grouped into conceptual clusters such as reference, outreach and teaching activities.

The compiled lists showed that librarians provide more than 75 services in 18 categories. The most common services were in the categories of teaching, reference, scholarly communication, and technology support. Librarians suggested adopting many additional services, most of which were already being provided by at least one liaison. Many activities cast the liaison librarian in the role of research or teaching partner and faculty peer.

The results support reimagining the librarian's role in academic health and natural science environments. The next step is identifying new services of highest utility to constituents.



How Can the Library Help You in Your Research?

Please help us by marking below the services you **would** use:

