Messiah College
Library/Faculty Liaison Program

In general, your liaison librarian is a personal contact for you in the library. If you have any library-related questions, your liaison librarian will answer them or forward them to a person who can answer them. Liaison librarians answer nonlibrary-related questions too!

Services Offered to Faculty by Liaison Librarians

1. Communicate and interpret new library resources and services:
   - watch for materials and news of interest to faculty (alert liaison librarian to your interest areas)
   - maintain regular contact with department chair and faculty members
   - encourage reporting of problems, needs, etc.

2. Provide specialized reference services to faculty and student research assistants:
   - database searching
   - non-routine, in-depth subject-related reference questions

3. Provide course-related or course-integrated library instruction for departmental students and orientation for new faculty:
   - course-centered library instruction in class
   - library tours
   - library instruction for faculty
   - upon request, consult with faculty about library-related class assignments; advise faculty when assignments are problematic; compile subject bibliographies and subject-related user guides

4. Assist with collection development in assigned department(s):
   - budget allocation and interpretation
   - selection assistance
   - weeding

5. Assist with collection organization and management:
   - cataloging consultation for subject heading and classification assignment
   - preservation of materials

Objectives of the Liaison Program:

Provide academic departments and administrative units with personal library contacts.

Assess and meet each department's needs for: library materials, funding, information services

Expedite and/or enhance communication between teaching faculty and the library.