

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.