

Library Unit: Bracken Health Sciences Library

Position Title: Health Sciences Librarian
One-year Limited Term Appointment

Description:

Reporting to the Head, Bracken Library, and working as part of a team, the librarian is responsible for promoting, delivering and supporting a full-range of information services for all members of the Bracken Health Sciences Library community including undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty members in Medicine, Nursing, Rehabilitation Therapy, and Life Sciences. The health professionals at a number of South-eastern Ontario institutions are also part of our clientele as a result of successful outreach partnerships. As part of a highly motivated team, the librarian provides reference and research services; participates in the delivery of the curriculum-integrated Information Literacy programmes of the Bracken Library; participates in the development and maintenance of the Bracken Library publications, including the homepage and other Library publicity and course materials; and is involved in collection development activities. The librarian consults and collaborates with other service providers in the Library, and promotes the Queen's University Library's vision of a team-based learning organization.

Responsibilities and Duties:

Participates in the work of a highly motivated team, which shares a commitment to professional user services and the achievement of the Bracken Library's goals and objectives.

In collaboration with the other public services librarians, provides a full range of information services, using print and electronic resources, to support the research, clinical and academic information needs of the Bracken Library community.

Participates in the teaching of the Bracken Library's information literacy programmes. In consultation with the Head, Bracken Library, and working collaboratively with other librarians, assists with course revisions and development.

Participates in providing information services and Information Literacy training as part of Bracken Library's outreach programmes for healthcare institutions and non-affiliated health professionals in South-eastern Ontario.

Participates in supporting the activities of the Centre for Health Electronic Education Resources (CHEER) and other health informatics initiatives within the Bracken Library.

Co-operates and participates in a variety of activities which improve services and public relations at Bracken and throughout the Queen's University Library. This will include assisting in the development and maintenance of Bracken Library publications, such as the library homepage, publicity materials and paper, web or courseware user guides.

Assists with the on-going development of Bracken Library's print and electronic collections.

Maintains awareness of current trends in health and life sciences information resources, education services, and scholarly communication. Maintains awareness of current developments in health and life sciences librarianship and actively identifies best practices.

The librarian consults and collaborates with other public services staff across the library system and promotes the vision of a team-based learning organization.

Other responsibilities

Undertakes, or assists, with special projects or other temporary assignments as required.

Participates in meetings, seminars, workshops and conferences, and reports on new developments and trends.

Qualifications:

Required:

An ALA accredited M.L.S./M.L.I.S. degree or equivalent. Strong service commitment and ability to work effectively, independently and collaboratively, in a team environment. Interest in and knowledge of information literacy instruction and collection development. Excellent oral and written communication skills. Excellent interpersonal skills. Ability to manage competing priorities. Experience and/or interest in investigating and developing innovative instructional programs that include new technologies.

Preferred:

A strong academic background in the life sciences, or previous experience in public services in a health sciences library. Experience with the preparation of systematic reviews will be considered an asset.