FACULTY LIAISON NETWORK

An important role of the public services librarians is that of faculty liaison. This role involves direct contact with the librarian’s respective academic departments and individual faculty to promote awareness of library programs, collections, and services. Among the most important cooperative areas are: planning and development of collections, formal and informal library instruction, and reference services.

The Library has established a formal liaison network to facilitate communication between the public services librarians and the teaching departments. A faculty liaison is appointed yearly by the Head of Public Services. Departmental faculty liaisons play an important role in improving communication between the Library and the department, coordinating collection development, and assisting in instructional design. The Acquisitions/Serials Department routes publishers’ blurbs to the departmental liaison via campus mail for distribution among the departmental faculty. The liaison’s contact information is listed on the Library’s web site, and a listserv is maintained for announcements and dissemination of information.