Librarians and academics – friends or foes?

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What do librarians (think they can) do for you?

• Beyond books!
• Discipline-specific teaching – finding and evaluating information, avoiding plagiarism, professional online identity, fake news...
• Developing critical thinking.
• On-demand support – workshops, tutorials, online learning opportunities.
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LIBRARY SERVICES LEARNING AND TEACHING SUPPORT OFFER

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

This offer of support is an opportunity to present to the Academic Community an Information Literacy Framework, where we are stating what skills students should be able to develop at the different states of their academic journey. Information Literacy Framework should spell out the minimum requirement of Information skills for each level of study.

http://www.open.ac.uk/libraryservices/pages/dilframework/level4

Learning and teaching support offered Library Services is principally delivered by the Academic Services Librarians and the Academic Skills team.

It links with the University of Greenwich Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy 2012-2017.
Success stories at Greenwich

- Adult Nursing – responding to student feedback to teach second year session – allowing for developmental approach across three years.
- Business – practical timetabled sessions for most first year students introducing the concept of academic journals and how to find them.
- Science and Engineering – cooperation with administrative team to get orientation leaflets to all first year students.
- Speech and Language Therapy – collaborative development of theme for new programme.
Discussion
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• What value does collaboration between academic departments and librarians really have?
• Can/should librarians be regarded as teachers?
• What tools and skills do students need from the library to progress?
• How can librarians and academic staff help each other? And what do we do that gets in each others’ way?
• How could we collaborate better? And what stops us collaborating?
Friends?
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