Coordinating Information Resources (With Reference on my Mind)

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Information Resources Coordinator: Major duties

• Support institution-wide assessment initiatives through collection analysis
• Facilitate requests from faculty and reference librarians for new resources
• Communicate information about resources to library staff
• Secondary assignment as subject liaison
• This is a new position and remains open to refinement

In a way, the reference librarian is my client, and remembering the reference interview is a helpful way to make sure I am communicating effectively.

Despite the different area of focus, there are many ways in which my time as a reference librarian informs my new role in technical services, and the two roles have many overlaps. The focus for both roles is on supporting research and student learning through effective and strategic communication of resources and supporting data for library decision-making.

While the Information Resources Coordinator position is part of technical services, the secondary subject assignment and time spent working directly with users at the service desk is essential for keeping user experience at the forefront.

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