An Archives Curriculum for Liaison Librarians

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1 Overview

In the spring and summer of 2020, a liaison librarian and an archivist developed a peer-learning curriculum designed to generate new skills for liaisons in teaching with primary sources. Liaison librarians attended the virtual sessions and created plans for incorporating primary sources within their future library instruction sessions.

2 Curriculum

1. Understanding Your Researcher
2. Concepts for Reference and Research in Archives
3. Arts & Humanities Resources
4. Social Sciences Resources
5. Structure of Archival Collections
6. Collaborative Worktime
7. Show and Tell

3 Learning Activities

Session 1: Participants created user personas

Session 2: Participants analyzed evidential and informational value...

Session 3: Participants learned about arts and humanities research

Session 4: Participants learned about social science resources

Session 5: Participants learned about processing and archivists’ interventions

... And compared archives to libraries

4 Results

How confident are you in your ability to search archives to identify research topics in specific disciplines?

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How confident are you in your ability to assist users in navigating archival sources?

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How confident are you in your understanding of the impact that archivists’ roles in building collections have on future scholarship?

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