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## 2013-12-31 LSC 506 Human Information Behavior

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**LIBRARY IMPACT STATEMENT (New Course Proposal)**  
**LIBRARIAN'S ASSESSMENT**

Subject selectors will complete this form as requested, assessing library materials and collections as detailed below. Send one copy of the assessment to the faculty member who requested it. Send one copy of the assessment to the Collection Management Officer.

Course: LSC 560- Human Information Behavior

Department, College: Graduate School of Library and Information Studies, Harrington  
School of Media and Communication, College of Arts and Sciences.

Faculty Member: Professor Donna L. Gilton

Date returned to Faculty: December 31, 2013

Librarian Completing Assessment: Professor Mary C. MacDonald, URI Libraries

Collection Management Officer: Professor Joanna M. Burkhardt, URI Libraries

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Assessment of:

- Suitability of existing library resources;
- New library resources required to support the program;
- Information skills education required by the students; and
- Funds needed for library materials and services.

Please include:

1. What library holdings already exist in relevant subject categories, including supporting collections from HELIN. How much money is now allocated in the program area? Does URI have the essential journals as noted in the Faculty Questionnaire?

A search of the HELIN library catalog for the key words "information behavior" provides thirty- two results, of which nineteen are available at URI leaving thirteen available through other HELIN libraries. Eight of the thirteen sources are e-books which, though they are in HELIN, are not available for URI students and faculty. Students and faculty may view the sources at the respective libraries.

Under the specific Library of Congress Subject Heading LCSH "Information Behavior" I found 33 sources, of which twenty are available through URI. I also found eight "information behavior" related LCSH topics with a total of 11 sources.

Funding for monographs in Library Science have been greatly reduced with our new collection development policy formula. In 2012-2013 there was approximately \$7,000.00 allotted for monographs. The current year the budget has been reduced to \$1,400.00 and it is already spent.

Dr. Gilton has requested a short list of books to support this new course. These will be ordered as soon as possible.

The University Libraries subscribes to several library specific article databases, and several others that will be important sources for journal, news, and magazine articles on the topic of human information behavior(s). These include the Library Information Science & Technology Abstracts (LISTA), Academic Search Complete, Library Literature and Information Science Retrospective, ABI Inform Global, CiteSeerX, Guide to Computing Literature (ACM). Many others would be considered supplemental avenues of research on this topic.

Dr. Gilton has requested the journal, *Information Research*, for this course. University Libraries already provides access to this journal. It is available through the Library Information Science and Technology Abstracts (LISTA) database from 1995 to the present.

2. What new resources are required to support the program (including media, electronic, or other non-print materials)? What is the approximate cost to acquire the materials necessary? Which of these will be continuing costs?

As mentioned above, Dr. Gilton has requested a short list of books which have been ordered. We will order the requested book as soon as possible. The total cost of the books requested amounts to approximately \$215.00. These should not be continuing costs.

3. What information mastery sessions will be required for the students?

This course includes a major term paper as an assignment weighted at X %. Students would benefit from an information mastery (information literacy) instruction sessions to support the research requirements of this assignment. Dr. Gilton may contact me to plan an instruction sessions (online or f2f) for her students.

**Submitted by:**

Professor Mary C. MacDonald  
Head of Instructional Services  
Library Liaison to GSLIS  
University Libraries

December 30, 2013