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## 2015-02 Library Impact Statement for NRS 543 Public Engagement with Science

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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.

Program: NRS543

Department, College: Natural Resources Science

Faculty Member: Professor Caroline G. Druschke

Date returned to Faculty: February 13, 2015

Librarian Completing Assessment: Michael A. Cerbo II

Collection Management Officer: Professor Joanna Burkhardt

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This new 3 credit course is titled "Public Engagement with Science" and the Professor expects the students to conduct some research using current resource in the subject area. It is an interdisciplinary course designed to serve graduate students in several fields, including the Master of Environmental Science and Management.

We are able to add whatever appropriate monographic needs might arise for the instructor. Our monographic holdings in ecology, hydrology, aquatic ecosystem and climatology are good and any additional materials can be garnered though our library consortium (HELIN).

Access to journals in this field meets the needs of the course. Many of the resources that will be used are available online, as indicated by Prof. Druschke. Our online indexes and abstracts in ecology specifically and the sciences generally should more than meet the demands of this course. In particular, access to reference databases such as Environment Abstracts, Biological and Agricultural Index Plus, and the more general Academic Search Complete are available. The required journals *Environmental Communication*, *Ecology and Society*, and *Public Understanding of Science* are available online through the Library. We are unable to add any new journal titles except through a drop/add policy that requires the department to identify a journal title (of equal value) it would like to drop from its serials list to permit the addition of another. However, our current holdings in this field seem sufficient.

Therefore, the librarian believes that the Library can support, bibliographically, the needs of the students to be able to acquire the most out of this course.

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