Making an impact as a new Subject Librarian

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Strategies for the liaison librarian

• Learn the new information landscape
• Engage with users
• Build on existing service strengths
• Provide timely support for users' information needs
Learn the new information landscape

- Network
  - Library users
  - Your colleagues
  - Professional groups
  - Publishers
  - Attend events

- Absorb information
  - Listen
  - Read
  - Lurk
  - Follow
    - Don’t stalk!

- Start to establish your current awareness strategies
In the interests of networking as a subject librarian, I'll go to a talk on the Chemistry of Cocktails tonight https://yfrog.com/g0tkisij
**Cheesemaking**

Find out what it's all about...

- Why do we need microbes in cheese making?
- Mouldy cheese – love it or hate it?
- Why do some cheeses smell of onions?

This will be a non-technical presentation and is aimed at all members of staff on the campus – please come along and enjoy a varied talk with a festive theme.

- 11.30am on Thursday 21 February
- Rushcliffe Restaurant
- Free sandwich lunch available
- RSVP to Kathy.Lawson@nottingham.ac.uk

This talk will be given by Professor Chris Dean and is part of our Knowledge Transfer programme which will continue with a session on “Diseases of Plants” on 21 February.

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**The Perfect Pint**

Find out what it’s all about...

- What are the key flavour attributes of beer?
- How beers are brewed to produce a range of beer styles
- What influences the quality of beer for consumers?

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- 11.30am on Monday 24 June
- *CHARNWOOD ROOM*
- Free sandwich lunch available
- RSVP to Katherine.Lawson@nottingham.ac.uk by Wednesday 19 June (for catering numbers)
Engage with users

• What’s the norm?
• What is unacceptable?
• What do others do?
• What could I do?

• Stay in your comfort zone
• Get out of your comfort zone
Build on existing service strengths
NottinghamVetSchool @NottinghamVets
NSPCC cake sale today @NottinghamVets until 2pm come and meet all the farmyard cupcakes and their friends!
pic.twitter.com/rkHPec5dk5
Provide timely support for users' information needs
AlisonMcNab,
Erik Murchie replied to your Tweet!

Erik Murchie
@ErikMurchie
New Harvest series on BBC Two explores farmers’ fight to feed the UK bbc.in/11Tbx8q - 18 Jul

More Tweets

AlisonMcNab
@AlisonMcNab
@ErikMurchie You can request the series to be recorded via nottingham.ac.uk/teaching/resou... - 19 Jul

Erik Murchie
@ErikMurchie
@AlisonMcNab thanks for the tip!  
07:44 AM - 30 Jul 13
A toolkit for the new subject librarian

- Points of contact
- Get the vocabulary right
- Keep updated
- Mission statement
How can I add value?

- Important / Trivial
- Formal / Informal
Study and Communication Skills (2013/2014)

A listing of recent titles - either held in the James Cameron Gifford Library (or in other UoN libraries) or available as e-books - on study, communication and professional skills. Includes titles relevant to both undergraduate and postgraduate students.

72 items

**Studying effectively - The University of Nottingham**

Webpage | Recommended | Designed for University of Nottingham students - the best place to start.

**Palgrave Study Skills**

Webpage | Strategies to help you improve the way you study and get what you want out of your time as a student.
Note the website is from the publisher Palgrave Macmillan and will try to sell you books - in many cases we have copies in the library.

**Study skills (18 items)**

*The study skills handbook* - Cottrell, Stella, 2013
Sarah McMullen  @DrSMcMullen
Hello @JCGLib Any chance of extra copies of @NutritionSoc Public Health Nutrition text - core for Yr 3 #nutrition
nutritionsociety.org/publications/t...

View details ·  1h

JCGLib  @JCGLib
@DrSMcMullen It is available as an e-book which seems a better solution. Will also move a copy into Short Loan.
8:39 a.m. Wed, Oct 23
Duane Mellor (@MellorDuane) replied to one of your Tweets!

30 July 2013 08:01

AlisonMcNab,
Duane Mellor replied to your Tweet!

Duane Mellor
@MellorDuane
Only my office to tidy and I am moving on from Uni of Chester - couple of weeks and I'll be at the Uni of Nottingham @ Sutton Bonnington - 27 Jul

AlisonMcNab
@AlisonMcNab
@MellorDuane Look forward to welcoming you to @JCGLib at SB - 29 Jul

Duane Mellor
@MellorDuane
@AlisonMcNab @JCGLib thanks, I may be calling in as I have a few articles which I am struggling to get in Chester
Get the vocabulary right
Keep updated

• Professional knowledge
• Subject knowledge
• Time
• Tools
• Preferences
I provide library resources and services to people seeking to improve our quality of life, what we eat, and the quality of our interactions with food and animals.
One final tip:
Keep a compliments file
Sarah McMullen @DrSMcMullen

Hello @JCGLib Any chance of extra copies of @NutritionSoc Public Health Nutrition text - core for Yr 3 #nutrition nutrition society.org/publications/text... - 23 Oct

More Tweets

Simon Langley-Evans @Slangers1

@JCGLib @DrSMcMullen Is that the first book order ever placed using Twitter? - 23 Oct

Sarah McMullen @DrSMcMullen

@Slangers1 @JCGLib Twitter has put me more in touch with colleagues around the University, including engaging more with library resources!
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