So what does it mean (to me) to be a subject librarian?

Jenny Campbell
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“Replace all those subject librarians with a couple of teachers, a couple of marketing people and a couple of web gurus”

In “The future of the subject librarian” http://infonatives.wordpress.com/2008/06/03/the-future-of-the-subject-librarian/
A bit of background

- **BSc in Mathematics from Manchester University**
- **Postgraduate diploma from Northumbria University**
- **Faculty Liaison Librarian at Newcastle University since 1998**
- **(Previously Reader Supervisor evenings and weekends)**
Newcastle University Faculty structure

- Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences
- Medical Sciences
- Science, Agriculture and Engineering (SAgE)
Science, Agriculture and Engineering
Faculty structure

10 academic Schools

- Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
- Biology
- Chemical Engineering and Advanced Materials
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering and Geosciences
- Computing Science
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Marine Science and Technology
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Mechanical and Systems Engineering
Science, Agriculture and Engineering
Faculty structure

2 interdisciplinary Research Institutes

- Newcastle Institute for Research on Sustainability
- The Digital Institute

10 Research Centres

- (mostly school based)
SAgE Library Liaison at Newcastle

2 FTE Faculty Liaison Librarians

1 FTE Assistant Librarian (new post since 2011)

2 FTE Liaison Assistants
My role in 2012

- Teacher
- Research support
- Explorer
- Subject specialist
- Counsellor
- Financial manager
- Politician
- Project manager
And right now?
More study spaces

Specifically, more quiet study spaces

More access to IT

Power supply to every desk

And yes, we still want more books

And the survey says... (but no more social learning spaces, thank you!)
Challenges?
Newcastle University Research Reserve
Image accreditation

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