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Basics

- Communication
- Education
- Service to faculty
- LibGuides



Communication

- Meetings with individual faculty, groups, or departments
- Talk to faculty and let them know what you do and how you can help them
- Newsletters, emails, phone, and social media
- Soliciting feedback about acquiring new resources or weeding/cancelling resources
- Listen more than talk

Education

- Bibliographic instruction for faculty and students
- Newsletters, emails, and phone
- Handouts for faculty and students at bibliographic instruction sessions
- Embed YouTube video tutorials into web pages, LibGuides, etc.
- Assessment of learning

Service to Faculty

- Assisting new faculty in learning about library resources
- Assisting faculty with learning how to do something you know how to do
- LibGuides
 - Creating department, class-specific LibGuides
 - Encourage faculty to include a LibGuide Link in course management system

Our Results

- Greater awareness by teaching faculty of library resources
- Greater awareness by library faculty of needed resources
- One department head added information about their liaison to an accreditation report
- Spending our budget more wisely by purchasing more relevant, needed resources

Other Results

- Some increased usage of databases and other library resources
- Increased good will between teaching and library faculty
- Increased requests for library instruction and subsequent rave reviews
- Requests for class-specific LibGuides
- Requests for library materials purchases

Other Thoughts

- This approach is applicable to any library type with some adaptations
- Be prepared for negative feedback
- Be prepared to attempt to do something about requests and problems
- Needs of different faculty within a department may differ

