Saskatchewan Polytechnic Library Statement - Advanced Research Services

The purpose of this statement is to clarify Saskatchewan Polytechnic Library's position on the provision of advanced research services and support to faculty and staff. This document is for internal use and should not be sent directly to clients.

Strategic directions

According to the Library Services Development Plan 2015-2020, leveraging library resources and expertise and ensuring sustainable resource allocation are key strategic directions for Saskatchewan Polytechnic Library. These directions highlight the Library's commitment to putting good evidence in the hands of decision makers and researchers at our institution. They also guide the Library to prioritize the allocation of its limited human resources based on strategic institutional initiatives.

Research Services

The Library offers a range of specialized research services to faculty and staff teaching and/or performing research in their capacity as employees. These include:

Standard: Non-exhaustive literature searches on narrowly defined topics.

Non-Standard: In-depth literature searches on more complex or broadly defined topics.

Enhanced support for research projects: May include Library staff membership in research teams, literature analysis and synthesis, bibliographic management systems or support, and/or screening tool support.

Managing Requests

Standard: Will be completed and returned within ten business days of receipt of request.

Non-Standard & Enhanced support for research projects: May be provided depending on staff capacity and the nature of the request. Library staff will consult with the requestor or project team member(s) to determine the scope of the project and required resources. Project support requests estimated to take considerable staff time will be presented to Library management in the form of a brief business case and, if approved, assigned to a staff member. In cases where the Library is unable to commit staff to a project, individual or team consultations and instruction may be provided to enhance the expertise of faculty and staff undertaking the research.

Terms of recognition

Recognition of significant contributions to publications and other projects by Library staff may be requested by the Library. The Library staff member's level of involvement in the research process will guide Library requests for co-authorship or acknowledgement.

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