

Course Number & Name: LIS 531L - Library Programs and Services for Young Adults

Description: This course examines the planning and delivery of information and recreational services to meet the diverse needs of young people between the ages of 12 and 18 in public libraries and school library/media centers. Examination of the developmental tasks of adolescents and relevant social, education, and demographic trends. Emphasis on the development of library policies and collaboration with youth serving community agencies. Attention to communication and program skills and the promoting, funding, and evaluating of library programs and services for teenagers.

- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Audience (level, environment/setting):** Introductory/ Public Libraries, School Library/Media Centers
- **Student Learning Outcomes [by number]:** 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10
- **Topics/List of Lectures:**
 - Assessing the Needs of Adolescents in the Community
 - Adolescent development.
 - Social and educational trends
 - Demographics and community analysis
 - Developing the Library's Young Adult Service Plan
 - Creating library policy
 - Access, privacy, and intellectual freedom issues
 - Youth participation in planning and implementing services
 - Assessing and developing facilities
 - Funding of young adult services
 - Organizing the strategic plan
 - Implementing Programs and Services
 - Instruction in information gathering and research skills
 - Activities and programs to promote reading
 - Technology and service delivery
 - Facilitating discussion groups
 - Public relations and advocacy
 - Serving youth in nontraditional settings
 - Collaboration with other youth serving agencies
 - Evaluating Programs and Services
 - Output measures
 - Outcomes assessment

- **Suggested Textbooks/Readings**
 - *New Directions for Library Service to Young Adults*. Edited by Linda Waddle. ALA, 2002.
 - Many other selected readings. specific text used; readings selected and updated by professor.

- **Course History:**

December 2004: new course discussed at curriculum retreat (original 483 - Libraries, Contemporary Society, and the Adolescent broken into two courses - the above + "Library Programs & Services for Young Adults") (voted on in 12/04)

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