‘HOLISTIC LIBRARIANSHIP’
A HYBRID JOB IN AN EVER CHANGING ENVIRONMENT

Middle East & Islamic Studies Librarian – Subject Specialist

TS Trends 1.0 - LTS
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Terminology: What’s in a Name?

- Bibliographer / Cataloger
- Selector (Collection Development)
- Subject Specialist
- Middle East (Western Asia), Islamic Studies Specialist
- Area Studies / Special Collections Librarian
- Reference Librarian
- Instruction / Research Librarian
- Liaison: Communication and Outreach Librarian
Roles for the Subject Specialist

- Develop and manage collections in all formats and languages to support the research and teaching needs of the University community and beyond.

- Areas of concentration: The Middle East, North Africa (MENA) & Islamic Studies (Interdisciplinary / Transnational).
Roles

- Select and order books, journals, and other resources in all formats, in Middle Eastern as well as Western languages.
  - Receive and process materials.
  - Develop and maintain effective working relationships with vendors in appropriate jurisdictions.
  - Monitor and evaluate library’s approval plan lists for materials in the subject areas.

- Management, preservation and evaluation of the collection.
  - Collecting, analyzing, and reporting on metrics relevant to collections and departmental (CD) goals; using relevant metrics in making judgments and recommendations. (Stats.: Circulation; ILL-BD; User groups …)

- Provide in-person and virtual reference, research consultations, and instruction services related to Mideast/Islamic resources.

- Serve as a liaison and works closely with faculty, students, researchers, scholars, visitors, etc.
The entire process of selecting, ordering, adding books and other materials to the collection, monitoring their use, and possibly removing them from the collection, is called **Collection Development**. It is a cycle that is constantly in process at any library.
Collection Development. The Cycle
The selection process

Demand (Circulation and holds data, requests)

Library users

Faculty

Library staff

Collection Development Policy

Material reviews

Bestseller lists

Curriculum requirements

Selector

Choose vendor

Duplicate check

Consult budget

Material order
## Voyager Fund Detail by Selector
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Cataloging & Tech Services

• Determine priorities for processing and cataloging, catalogs and oversees the vernacular cataloging operation and participates in the Bibliographic Control.

• Cataloging of monographs, serials, and electronic resources, etc. (including authority information).
  o Languages: *Arabic, Persian, and Turkish
    *Romance I
    *Germanic
Liaison – Outreach (Supporting Research)

- Serve as primary liaison to and actively develop professional relationships with faculty, students and staff in a variety of departments and academic programs at Cornell, mainly the Department of Near Eastern Studies, Comparative Muslim Societies, the Ottoman & Turkish Studies Initiative [OTSI], the Arabic, Turkish and Persian language programs, the Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, etc.

- Connect faculty & students with and promote library services related to scholarly communication, data management, open access, institutional repositories, digital scholarship, and information literacy.
Liaison – Outreach

- Provide in-depth, specialized research consultation for students, faculty, and visiting scholars in assigned areas.

- Public service responsibilities include:
  - reference consultations by appointment,
  - bibliographic and library use instruction, research tools and skills relevant to the discipline/subjects,
  - in-class lectures, presentations, seminars,
  - preparation of publications, internet resource development.
Research, Learning & Teaching tools /Aids
Arab Spring: A Research & Study Guide

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If a people one day wills to live --- fate (God) must answer its call And the night must fade ***** and the chain must break
Islam in Southeast Asia: Home

This guide highlights resources that are part of the discourse on Islam and women, including some that are useful for background information and others that provide research, analysis and opinions considering various social, political, historical and cultural frameworks. The scope encompasses Islamic and Muslim cultures in every region where there have been significant Muslim populations. "Islam" encompasses close to half of all Africans, one-third of Asians and growing numbers of Europeans and Americans, representing a wide diversity of cultures, races, ethnicities and languages.

In Muslim-majority countries, where Islamic beliefs and cultures are
THANK YOU!

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