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What is embedded librarianship?

Embedded librarianship reshapes the librarian's role by integrating information professionals directly into academic communities. In this model, librarians participate in course design, attend departmental meetings, and collaborate with faculty, students, and researchers at the point of need (Carlson & Kneale, 2011; Dempsey, 2020). It highlights how librarians can co-design courses, contribute to departmental discussions, and provide support precisely when and where it is required (Robertson, 2021; Rosenberg, 2016).

Key topics include deepening engagement with academic communities, offering personalized research support (Matthew & Schroeder, 2006), and embedding information literacy throughout curricula (Franzen & Sharkey, 2021; Luca, 2019). The concept also addresses challenges such as workload management, ongoing professional development, and the librarian's role in promoting ethical information use, providing resource guidance, and contributing to broader initiatives like open science.

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