Liaison librarians are professional librarians with a minimum of a Master’s of Library Science (or its equivalent) who act as a link between the library and its customers. They can work with faculty, staff and students by appointment, email or phone to:

- Assist with search strategy development and refinement for writing assignments, literature reviews, systematic reviews, QI or EBP projects, or finding answers to clinical questions.
- Recommend resources to meet particular information needs.
- Refer you to other helpful library services to support research, education, and patient care.
- Provide instruction sessions to groups, classes, or departments to improve searching and retrieval of high quality resources, managing citations, accessing information, and evaluating information to support an EBP approach.
- Refine assignments to better integrate information literacy competencies that support EBP and lifelong learning.

What do Liaison Librarians do?

Systematic reviews are popular research endeavors in the health sciences at OSU. To support this and improve the process, the HSL has purchased an unlimited license to Covidence, a tool built to manage all the steps of a systematic review, from data gathering of 100’s or 1000’s of results from databases, to screening, all the way to data extraction. All along, Covidence tracks your process and allows for blinded multiple reviewers, reducing bias. HSL librarians and some OSU researchers have been piloting its use over the last year, and we highly recommend it.

To access Covidence, please see the Covidence database page. Whether you are new to Covidence or you’ve already created an account with an OSU.edu or OSUMC.edu email account, visit the OSU Covidence Sign-up Page and enter your email and password to receive an invitation. Then follow the instructions. More detailed information about linking your previous OSU.edu or OSUMC.edu accounts can be found in this handout.

Did you know HSL librarians have expertise in conducting systematic reviews? For more information about our services, consult our newly revised Systematic Reviews Guide.

Fall Hours Changes and Construction Info

The HSL is undergoing some changes this fall to ultimately improve the experience for our students, faculty, and staff.

4th Floor Construction: Shelving on the 4th floor is being removed and space will be renovated into office spaces for Prior Hall building partners. The construction should take place in September. All other areas of the 4th floor are open for business! Ear plugs are available for free at the Public Services desk on the 1st Floor.

3rd Floor Consolidation: Some journal volumes are being removed.

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and books from the 4th floor will be moving to the 3rd floor. After all this, some space will be gained and new seating will be added.

1st Floor: Some new seating will be added to the south end of the floor.

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Earlier Sunday Hours: Beginning Sunday, September 9, the HSL will test opening at 10am (instead of Noon). We will be tracking visitors during these hours to determine if we will maintain this Sunday opening schedule in the Spring.

Home Football Saturdays: We are also piloting closing on a few home football Saturdays this year. Due to low visitor counts and parking challenges for visitors and staff, we are going to test closing on four Saturdays when we are not open for extended exam prep. **This includes September 1 and 8, October 13, and November 3.**