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SOME WAYS A LIBRARIAN CAN SUPPORT YOUR CLASS THROUGH CANVAS:

- Provide in-person or virtual office hours for research consultations
- Send announcements about library services and relevant programs or events to the class
- Facilitate research-oriented discussion forums
- Provide virtual library instruction
- Create asynchronous modules in support of your course’s research projects
- Be visible to students as the course librarian on the course roster

BENEFITS FOR YOU (AND YOUR TF)

- Access to library resources and services at the time of need;
- A course-specific guide to library resources can be embedded directly on your Canvas page;
- Save class time and set the bar for research through asynchronous modules on topics like finding appropriate library resources, proper citation practices, and information literacy.

BENEFITS FOR YOUR STUDENTS

- Students are more likely to seek out research assistance if a librarian is embedded in their course’s Canvas page;
- The library and its resources are more easily accessible to your students;
- Course librarians can provide guidance and training on resource evaluation and information literacy.

Questions or comments about the Course Librarian role? Contact Emily Coolidge Toker at etoker@g.harvard.edu
FIND YOUR LIAISON

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Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
www.hsph.harvard.edu/information-technology/canvas/

Harvard Law School
http://hls.harvard.edu/dept/tlc/canvas-course-websites/

Harvard Graduate School of Education
http://canvas.gse.harvard.edu/

LIBRARY STAFF PROFILES

SEARCH LIBRARY STAFF BY NAME, LIBRARY, ROLE, OR LANGUAGE

library.harvard.edu/staff

LIBRARY LIAISON PROGRAM

Regardless of whether you use Canvas's 'Course Librarian' role, your library liaison can help you understand and navigate library resources, and guide you on discipline-specific aspects of library use.

Your liaison works with you to develop your students' research skills and connect them with the best tools and materials.

LEARN MORE AT

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INTERESTED IN MULTIMEDIA ASSIGNMENTS?

The Library has several specialists who can provide the following technological training and support for faculty and students:

- creating and editing audio for podcasts
- web design and digital portfolios
- video assignments
- copyright support for multimedia projects
- data visualization
- geospatial analysis

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