Terry's List of Courses for LIS Students Focusing on Public Librarianship

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GENERAL COURSES: (Recommend all of the following for those interested in Adult, Young Adult, or Children's Services in public libraries.)

Two core courses (IS 501 IS 502 - 6-8 hours)

IS 504 Reference (4 hours)

IS 505 Library Administration (4 hours)

IS 507 Intro. to Bibliographic Metadata (4 hours)

IS 508 Collection Development (4 hours)

(In addition, those specializing in Adult Services are encouraged to take IS 506 (Youth Services Librarianship) and those specializing in Children/YA services are encouraged to take IS 510, (Adult Public Services) to provide a broader context for their public library work.)

Specialization in Adult Services/Reference in Public Libraries

Suggest one or more of the following as electives for students focusing on public librarianship:

IS 503 Use and Users of Information (4 hours)

IS 510 Adult Public Service (4 hours)

IS 518 Community Informatics (4 hours)

IS 519 Social Science Research in LIS (4 hours)

IS 525 (Government Information 4 hours) and/or one of the Specialist Reference courses (IS 522 Info Sources & Services in Sciences. IS 523 Info Sources & Services in Social Sciences, & IS 524 Info. Sources & Services in Arts & Humanities.2-4 hrs)

IS 527 Literacy, Reading and Readers (4 hours)

IS 528 Adult Popular Literature (4 hours)

IS 544 Library Cooperation & Networks (4 hours)

IS 549 Economics of Information (4 hours)

Specialization in Young Adult or Children's Services in Public Libraries.

Suggest one or more of the following:

IS 403 Literature and Resources Children

IS 404 Literature and Resources for Young Adults

IS 409 Storytelling

IS 506 Youth Services Librarianship

IS 590AL Information Books for Children (Or other advanced Youth Literature courses.)

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