Librarians can help!
Librarians are known for helping with books, article access, searches, and citation management, but they can also assist in other areas, such as information literacy, scholarly communications, research impact, evidence-based medicine, and taxonomies.

Libraries offer a range of services beyond traditional roles, and users are encouraged to inquire about them.

Library Anxiety
Library anxiety, caused by various factors, sometimes hinders people from seeking help from librarians. For example, library jargon and clunky systems can deter users. Librarians want to address these challenges and improve outreach and communication about available resources and services.

Searches
Librarians are trained in developing complex search strategies. They can help in conducting systematic or scoping reviews, refining research questions, selecting methodologies, and building protocols. Librarians can guide users through screening studies and provide support in drafting, editing, and submitting manuscripts. They can also help with searches beyond scholarly resources, such as newspapers, websites, and social media.
Artificial Intelligence

Librarians focus on information literacy and can guide users in understanding AI technologies. AI applications like ChatGPT have limitations, including incorrect information and nonexistent sources, and strengths, including generating ideas, offering writing suggestions, and providing database recommendations. AI poses ethical challenges, including bias amplification, data ownership, environmental impact, privacy, behavior manipulation, and more. Librarians can play a role in educating users about AI ethics and implications.

Recommended Readings

  - The “Introduction” paragraph and “AI Literacy” through “AI in Research” sections are particularly useful.

These key moments and helpful resources are from a monthly webinar series hosted by the editorial teams of the AAMC’s 2 peer-reviewed journals, Academic Medicine and MedEdPORTAL. Sessions cover the importance of publishing your education scholarship and practical suggestions for how to do so successfully. All are invited to attend. Learn more about upcoming sessions.