PRACTICUM OR STATE OF THE ART REPORT FOR A HEALTH SUBJECT AREA

This will be worth 50% of your overall grade.

Both practicum reports and state of the art reports are expected to include references to relevant literature and classroom lectures.

Due: April 7th (Class 13)

Practicum

A list of practicums is available in class and the course t-space site. You will see that there are more students than practicum projects available. The projects will be distributed based on the instructor's ability to meet any of your 3 choices - this may mean you will not get your 1st or 2nd choice. Otherwise, practicums will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The practicum will be in a health sciences setting. It must result in a written report suitable for grading. The practicum should take about 40 hours of the student's time plus some time for report writing.

State of the Art Report

If you are not successful in getting a practicum, or do not want to do one, select a health topic from the list on the course website, and write a state of the art review. Your report should consist of 2 parts:

1. Report: This report is intended for another health science librarian. Its' purpose is to inform decision making on key issues facing health science libraries. As some of the issues in the list are broader trends, your report should focus on the implications for the library. Include a synthesis of your reading of the literature in a specific area and a set of recommendations, if appropriate. Practical "real life" examples can be used to illustrate major points. These can be taken from class discussion, the literature, visits to other health libraries, or discussions with librarians. Length: 8-10 pages in length, double-spaced. Footnotes and bibliography should be in Vancouver Style.

2. Pathfinder or webpage.
   The pathfinder or webpage should include the following:
   - a definition of the topic
   - selected recommended resources with evaluative annotations (8 to 12)

To help focus your topic, you may provide an outline to the instructors for feedback prior to writing (optional). Please discuss any specific research interests with the instructors for approval prior to writing.