



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

School of Information
Faculty of Arts

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iSchool Mission: Through innovative research, education and design, our mission is to enhance humanity's capacity to engage information in effective, creative and diverse ways.

LIBR 527 Services for Children – 2022 Course Syllabus (3).

Program: MLIS/MASLIS

Year: 2021-2022 Winter Session, term 2

Course Schedule: Tuesdays, 2pm-5pm

Location: Irving K Barber Learning Centre (IBLC) Rm 461

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Course Goal: The goal of this course is to provide students with the knowledge required to plan, implement and evaluate a program of public library services for children.

Course Objectives: Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

- Set goals, objectives, and priorities in planning and implementing children's services [1.1]*
- Explain and identify basic resources and methods involved in the selection of children's materials and in children's collection management [1.1, 1.2]*
- Explain and identify basic resources and methods involved in reference and readers advisory services for children, their parents, caregivers, and other adults working with children [2.1]*
- Demonstrate effective communication and interpersonal skills required to interact in the reference interview with children and the adults in their lives [2.2]*
- Outline the elements of a welcoming environment to attract children to use the collection [1.2, 1.3, 4.1]*
- Assess special tools which provide access to library resources [1.1, 4.1]*
- Show competence in promoting children's materials and library use through the ability to plan, implement, and evaluate a range of programs for children [1.1, 2.1, 4.2]*
- Demonstrate a commitment to full access for children to library materials and services [5.1, 5.2]*



***Course objectives are stated in terms of student learning outcomes and reference the iSchool Statement on Graduate Competencies: <http://slais.ubc.ca/programs/about-department/graduate-competencies/>**

Course Topics:

- Historical development and changing patterns in library services for children
- Reference and readers advisory services
- Collection management
- Censorship
- Programming
- Electronic resources and services
- Outreach and special services
- Administration and management

Prerequisites: MLIS and Dual MASLIS: Completion of the MLIS core courses. Graduate students in other programs (i.e. MAS, MACL, MEd) must seek permission from the instructor before registering for this course.

Format of the course: Lectures, guest speakers, readings, in-class discussions, activities and student presentations, some asynchronous activities, including video demonstrations, and assignments.

Required and Recommended Reading:

Required: Available at the UBC Bookstore and in e-book format at the UBC Library

Campana, K., & Mills, J. E. (2019). *Create, innovate, and serve: A radical approach to children's and youth programming* Chicago: ALA Neal-Schuman

Other required readings will be posted on Canvas at least 1 week before each class

Course Assignments

Please use APA (either 6th or 7th is fine) citation style in your written work.

Assignment Name	Due Date	Weight
Early literacy storytime project (1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 4.1, 4.2)	Feb 27, 2022	30%



Group assignment: Children's (ages 6 through 12) Program Design (2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2)	Mar 27, 2022	25%
Book trailer project (2020, 2021 or 2022 middle grade novels or middle grade graphic novels only) (1.3, 2.1)	Apr 3, 2022	5%
Term paper (1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 2.1, 4.1, 5.3) <i>Proposals due by Apr 3, 2022</i>	Apr 12, 2022	30%
Participation in-class activities, discussions, Padlets, etc., & a brief written self-reflection	Apr 6, 2022	10%

FNCC specialization: All the assignments in this course can fulfill the requirements of the First Nations Curriculum Concentration (FNCC). If students would like to take this course for FNCC credit, they are invited to contact me to discuss this option.

Course Schedule [week-by-week]:

Dates	Week	Topics covered
Jan 11th, 2022	1	Course introduction / Child development theory basics
Jan 18th, 2022	2	Children's Librarians' Competencies / Collections / Reading Development
Jan 25th, 2022	3	Community-led children's services/Serving diverse families
Feb 1st, 2022	4	Family engagement / Early literacy overview
Feb 8th, 2022	5	Early literacy program models / Inclusive early literacy
Feb 15th, 2022	6	Materials challenges / Displays and promotions
Feb 22th, 2022		Semester Break NO CLASS
Mar 1st, 2022	7	Class-wide peer sharing of storytime programs
Mar 8th, 2022	8	Serving middle childhood (ages 6-12)
Mar 15th, 2022	9	Digital services, collections, & programs
Mar 22nd, 2022	10	Job interviews / Management / Professional development
Mar 29th, 2022	11	Group presentations (middle years program design)
Apr 5th, 2022	12	Emerging research / Book trailers / Course wrap-up



Canvas modules remain open for review throughout the term, including reading lists, lecture PPTs and guest speaker and other helpful resources.

Attendance: As much as possible, attendance is *mandatory*. Unexplained absences, late assignments and lack of participation will impact your final grade. Your participation in the weekly activities and discussions with your peers are an important aspect of this course. Please get in touch if you know you will be missing from class for any reason. Please also get in touch with me if you are having trouble keeping up with attendance, readings, activities, and assignments due to illness or other family crisis.

Evaluation: All assignments will be marked using the evaluative criteria given on the [iSchool web site](#). Please contact me if you are unable to complete your assignments by their due dates or if you miss an activity so we can make alternate arrangements. Late assignments without prior arrangement may be penalized up to 1 point per day. Occasionally, in some circumstances, I will offer to re-grade assignments that need substantial revisions however my expectation is that you will all prepare and submit thoroughly edited work at all times.

Required Materials:

Required course text, available at the UBC Bookstore as well as UBC library as an e-book.

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All other required and recommended course readings will be available through the course LOCR link in Canvas.

Academic Concession: If you miss marked coursework for the first time (assignment, exam, presentation, participation in class) and the course is still in-progress, **speak with me immediately** to find a solution for your missed coursework. Any concessions that will result in a change to the student record (such as late withdrawal from the course) will be referred to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies for evaluation. If this is not the first time you have requested concession or classes are over, please consult the [Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies' webpage on academic concession](#), and then contact me where appropriate.

Policies and Resources to Support Student Success: UBC provides resources to support student learning and to maintain healthy lifestyles but recognizes that sometimes crises arise and so there are additional resources to access including those for survivors of sexual violence. UBC values respect for the person and ideas of all members of the academic community. Harassment and discrimination are not tolerated nor is suppression of academic freedom. UBC provides appropriate accommodation for students with disabilities and for religious and cultural observances. UBC values academic honesty and students are expected to acknowledge the ideas generated by others and to uphold the highest academic standards in all of their actions. Details of the policies and how to access support are available here (<https://senate.ubc.ca/policies-resources-support-student-success>)

Academic Integrity: The academic enterprise is founded on honesty, civility, and integrity. As members of this enterprise, all students are expected to know, understand, and follow the codes of conduct regarding academic integrity. At the most basic level, this means submitting only original work done by you and acknowledging all sources of information or ideas and attributing them to others as required. This also means you should not cheat, copy, or mislead others



about what is your work. Violations of academic integrity (i.e., misconduct) lead to the breakdown of the academic enterprise, and therefore serious consequences arise and harsh sanctions are imposed. For example, incidences of plagiarism or cheating may result in a mark of zero on the assignment or exam and more serious consequences may apply when the matter is referred to the Office of the Dean. Careful records are kept in order to monitor and prevent recurrences. A more detailed description of academic integrity, including the University's policies and procedures, may be found in the [UBC Calendar: Student Conduct and Discipline](#). Academic misconduct includes cheating, plagiarism, and self-plagiarism <http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=3,54,111,959> (§7)

Access & Diversity: Access & Diversity works with the University to create an inclusive living and learning environment in which all students can thrive. The University accommodates students with disabilities who have registered with the Access and Diversity unit found at <http://www.students.ubc.ca/access/drc.cfm>

Please let me know what I can do to best accommodate you in this class.

Religious Accommodation: The University accommodates students whose religious obligations conflict with attendance, submitting assignments, or completing scheduled tests and examinations. There are no exams in this class, but please let me know in advance, preferably in the first week of class, if you will require any accommodation on these grounds. Students who plan to be absent for varsity athletics, family obligations, or other similar commitments, cannot assume they will be accommodated, and should discuss their commitments with the instructor before the course drop date. UBC policy on Religious Holidays: <http://www.universitycounsel.ubc.ca/policies/policy65.pdf> .

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Plagiarism

The Faculty of Arts considers plagiarism to be the most serious academic offence that a student can commit. Regardless of whether or not it was committed intentionally, plagiarism has serious academic consequences and can result in expulsion from the university. Plagiarism involves the improper use of somebody else's words or ideas in one's work. It also involves **re-submitting work that you have previously submitted for credit in another class** either at UBC or elsewhere. If you wish to *build* on a topic you have worked on in another class and extend that work into something new for this class, you must discuss this with me prior to beginning your



project. I will need to have a copy of the assignment you wish to build on please. For example, if you did an assignment on censorship in another class that involved looking up the reasons why a book was challenged, you may *not* resubmit the same title for this class when we get to our challenged book activity. You may, however, choose to do your final paper on the author of the challenged book you previously looked at (assuming it is a children's book) and refer to the challenge that you have previously conducted research on. In general, I encourage students to follow their interests and passions with the caveat that you are ultimately responsible for making sure you are not plagiarizing yourself or anyone else in any of your work in this class.

It is your responsibility to make sure you fully understand what plagiarism is. Many students who think they understand plagiarism do in fact commit what UBC calls reckless plagiarism which is often the result of careless research, poor time management, and a lack of confidence in your own ability to think critically. Examples of reckless plagiarism include:

- Taking phrases, sentences, paragraphs, or statistical findings from a variety of sources and piecing them together into an essay (piecemeal plagiarism);
- Taking the words of another author and failing to note clearly that they are not your own. In other words, you have not put a direct quotation within quotation marks;
- Using statistical findings without acknowledging your source;
- Taking another author's idea, without your own critical analysis, and failing to acknowledge that this idea is not yours;
- Paraphrasing (i.e., rewording or rearranging words so that your work resembles, but does not copy, the original) without acknowledging your source;
- Using footnotes or material quoted in other sources as if they were the results of your own research; and
- Submitting a piece of work with inaccurate text references, sloppy footnotes, or incomplete source (bibliographic) information."

Bear in mind that this is only one example of the different forms of plagiarism. Before preparing for their written assignments, students are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the following sources on plagiarism:

<https://learningcommons.ubc.ca/resource-guides/understand-academic-integrity/>

<https://www.grad.ubc.ca/current-students/dissertation-thesis-preparation/plagiarism>

If after reading these materials you still are unsure about how to properly use sources in your work, please ask me for clarification.

Students are held responsible for knowing and following all University regulations regarding academic dishonesty. If a student does not know how to properly cite a source or what constitutes proper use of a source it is the student's personal responsibility to obtain the needed information and to apply it within University guidelines and policies. If evidence of academic dishonesty is found in a course assignment, previously submitted work in this course may be reviewed for possible academic dishonesty and grades modified as appropriate. UBC policy requires that all suspected cases of academic dishonesty must be forwarded to the Dean for possible action.

Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities: Academic accommodations help students with a disability or ongoing medical condition overcome challenges that may affect



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their academic success. Students requiring academic accommodations must register with the [Centre for Accessibility](#) (previously known as Access & Diversity). The Centre will determine that student's eligibility for accommodations in accordance with [Policy LR7: Accommodation for Students with Disabilities \(Joint Senate and Board Policy\)](#). Academic accommodations are not determined by your instructors, and instructors should not ask you about the nature of your disability or ongoing medical condition, or request copies of your disability documentation. However, your instructor may consult with the Centre for Accessibility should the accommodations affect the essential learning outcomes of a course.