Hello, First-Year Writing Instructors!

My name is Samantha McClellan, and I’m the Library Instruction Coordinator at Sac State University Library. Before we begin the semester, I want to reach out to everyone to let folks know how the Library and instruction librarians can support your first-year writing courses.

At the Library, we’re switching up how we can help you and your students with your research assignments to make sure we can help as many classes as possible that would like a library instruction session. As opposed to you having to request a session, a librarian will be contacting you a couple weeks before classes start to inquire as to whether you would like to schedule a library instruction session to help your students succeed on any of your research assignments. We have a standard curriculum that we are implementing that teaches to the following learning outcomes:

- develop keywords to explore a conversation around a research topic and help refine the question
- recognize different types of information sources and the role of the library in academic research
- identify relevant library resources and conduct basic searches to locate relevant sources on a research topic

If you are teaching an ENGL 10/11, a librarian will contact you during the spring semester. Should you have your research assignment front-loaded in ENGL 10 in the fall, please reach out to me and we’ll make sure to accommodate your needs.

My colleague, Emily Merrifield, and I will be attending your orientation on 8/21/19 and will talk about this new approach to support your students in more detail.

Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me with any questions you may have, and we look forward to working with you and your students!

Best,
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