Research Discipline Skeletons: the Librarian's Bridge to Subject Knowledge

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EXAMPLE DISCIPLINE SKELETON

ATHLETIC TRAINING

Other Scholarly Communication Venues (podcasts, blogs, etc.)
- JAT Podcast
- ACSM Blog

Personalize Everything
- Accreditation needs/schedule
- Faculty/Staff research interests
- Embedded courses
- Program requirements

Other Important Groups
- Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education

Top Databases
- PubMed
- SPORTDiscus
- Physical Education Index

Sub-disciplines
- Age range
- Sport type

Current Topics and Challenges
- Sudden death in exercise
- Supporting athletes safely through the pandemic

Professional Organizations
- National Athletic Trainers' Association
- Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine

Prestigious Journals
- J. of Athletic Training
- J. of Applied Sport Management
- J. of Sport Rehabilitation

Important Conferences
- Mid Atlantic Athletic Trainer's Association Symposium

Open Access Repositories
- SportRxiv

Vocabulary
- MeSH

Skeleton Purpose:
- Assist liaison librarians in gaining introductory knowledge of how to research in an unfamiliar discipline
- Create a multidisciplinary tool to drill into a field in which you have no formal training
- Helps demonstrate the differences between highly similar fields

Skeleton Description:
- Broad categories to gather relevant subject information
- Continuously update as knowledge of the discipline deepens
- Available for quick and easy reference
- Customizable to librarian, department, and institution

Skeleton Outcomes:
- Gained a better understanding of each field
- Conversations with faculty were approached with confidence and on common ground
- Casual conversation with faculty developed rapport, increased accuracy of gathered information, and understanding of the field

Why You Should Try This:
- Useful to librarians researching in multiple disciplines
- Gain a better understanding of current conversations in each liaison area
- Gather ideas to best meet the needs of students, faculty, and staff
- Strengthen your subject expertise