Wayne County Community College District

COURSE SYLLABUS

LBT 100 INTRODUCTION TO LIBRARIES AND SERVICE

CREDIT HOURS: 3.00

CONTACT HOURS: 45.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course is designed to give the students a broad overview of the various types of libraries and library services offered to its users. A historical survey of libraries, from its beginnings in pre-history to the dynamic institutions they are today. Students are introduced to the functional and organizational structure; philosophy, and terminology are emphasized. Students will understand the roles that library technicians play as members of library staff. Issues in the library field which includes ethics, censorship, etc will be explored.

PREREQUISITE:
n/a

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:
- Be conversant in the concepts and principles of subject determination, vocabulary control, and classification, and to understand the broader context in which these function.
- Acquire the ability to analyze information resources for subject content.
- Cite authorities and defend work in written and oral form.
- Explain the structure of print and non-print reference sources.
- Understand the breadth of reference services offered in libraries.
- Perform searches through the translation of search questions into queries that will utilize print and non-print resources.
- Understand how and when to use the internet as a reference tool.
- Identify the major reference sources used to answer reference questions.

ASSESSMENT METHODS:
Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

GRADING SCALE:
90%-100% = A
80%-89.9%= B
70%-79.9%= C
60%-69.9%= D
<60% = E