Embedded Librarianship: the key to unlocking the research potential at the Lupane State University by Sheila Nomathemba Ndlovu University Librarian Lupane State University Zimbabwe
Location of Lupane
Definition of Embedded Librarian

- Relocated Librarian
- Field Librarian
- Mobile Librarian
- Personal Librarian
- Immersed Librarian
Research Trends at Lupane State University 2004 - 2017
E-Resources Usages at LSU

Database Usage statistics

YEAR

Year 2013
Year 2014
Year 2015
Year 2016

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New Research Strategic Direction

- New Leadership effected the change - 2015
- Establishment of a Directorate of Research & Innovation Office
- Commitment of University funds to the Research Board Budget
- Participate in the National Research Database of Zimbabwe
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- Hosted the Database of African Theses and Dissertations (AAU initiative)
- Workshops on how to write PhD proposals
- Research Agenda for LSU
New Breed of Librarians

- Proactive
- Collaborator
- Seek partnerships with Faculty
- Built relationships
- Provide highly customized information services
- Communicate the value of Library Services through increased research output.
LSU Library Strategies to support Research Initiatives

- Transform Subject/Faculty Librarians to become Embedded Librarians
- Change offices of the former Subject/Faculty Librarians to where the Faculties are located.
- Close the gap between the campus community and the academic library (Schulte, Stephanie J. 2015)
- Have purposeful interaction with the Faculty
- Built a strong service ethic
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- Employ Librarians whose basic first degree is of the subject of the Faculty where one is to be embedded.
- Integrate Library instruction into the curriculum
- Be on-call or do one-on-one research consultations
- Become co-researchers and co-teachers with the Faculty
- Exhibit expertise to Faculty
- Increase Advocacy for acceptance of Embedded Librarians by both Faculty and University Management.