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RIS Intern Experience

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The internship with UWM Libraries has meant a lot to me. There are many shifts where I encounter a situation that I’ve heard about in SOIS classes and the dots suddenly connect. Additionally, there have been problems encountered that weren’t discussed in classes, and I think that these moments are the ones that have helped me to decide whether or not reference librarianship is for me…which it certainly is.

Johnny Neist

Having the chance to be a UWM Libraries RIS intern gave me the opportunity to experience things that I was learning in my SOIS courses. The mentoring I received from the UWM RIS librarians taught me so many new things—things which I’m using at my library job post graduation.

Katie Jentges

Working at RIS has been so eye opening into how an academic library works. The chance to meet all the librarians has been such a treat.

Megan Olson

Working as an intern over the past year has given me valuable, professional library experience as well as the opportunity to develop practical skills that I otherwise would not have gotten from the classroom. Observing and teaching library instruction sessions or performing various face to face reference interviews, for example, are experiences that will undoubtedly complement my master’s degree as I move closer to landing a career after graduation.

Kate Otto

I feel so much more prepared for my future now, after being able to work alongside professional and experienced librarians and working on many projects, including collection development and performance surveys.

Rachel Ruetz

I honestly learn something new everyday.

Teri Pedilla

This academic year, RIS interns:

- taught more than 70 instruction sessions
- attended and presented at 5 conferences
- provided over 2240 Reference Desk Hours
- 8 interns
- 2 field work students
- 2 practicum students

Department interns are matched with librarian mentors and learn the wide variety of services supported by RIS.

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