

Competencies Supported by the Alternative Basic Library Education Courses

ABLE 1-4: Collection Development Sequence

This course supports the following competencies for Collection Development and Management:

- Builds and maintains a collection of resources in many formats based on a determination of community needs.
- Establishes and applies selection and evaluation criteria to build a collection of high-quality and relevant sources.
- Understands and establishes collection development policies and procedures.
- Ensures that the collection is current, useful and in good condition.

ABLE 5-8: Technical Services Sequence

This course supports the following competencies for Acquisitions and Cataloging:

- Manages the processes by which the library materials are ordered, received and tracked.
- Catalogs all types of library materials according to relevant bibliographic control standards.
- Manages the catalog to ensure that library users have optimal access to the collection.

ABLE 9-12: Public Services Sequence

This course supports the following competencies for Public Services:

- Designs and implements library services to engage and meet the needs of the community.
- Assists users with choosing popular and recreational reading, viewing and listening choices.
- Develops and maintains a collection of reference resources to meet community needs.
- Demonstrates ability to meet information-seeking needs of users.
- Produce a complete reference/information transaction that satisfies the customer's purpose.
- Fulfill requests from the wide range of potential information resources.

Competency Resources:

Competency Index for the Library Field, Compiled by WebJunction, updated 2014
Library Practitioner Core Competencies, Western Council of State Libraries

