

## IRLS 504 Study Question Summary

### C-01 Society's Archive

- What roles do libraries and archives play in shaping national identity, consciousness and understanding of history?
- What is meant by the “political dimensions of curatorial work?” Give examples
- How do you think librarians can use the ideas in the article in their everyday work?

### C-02 What is a Library? Past, Present and Future

- From the Rubin reading, choose one library or kind of library existing before 1500 and briefly describe its role in society, what formats it collected, what language they were written in, who the users were and how they were used, and any evidence of organization of materials. Information from Rubin is enough, but if you are interested, supplement Rubin with information from the Internet.
- Be prepared to describe your chosen library in class, for no more than 1-2 minutes.
- Start to think about how you see yourself as a professional in the emerging library and information environment.

### C-03a Information Resources in Society

Study Questions: (for Independent Readings)

- How has book publishing changed in recent years?
- Describe the three elements of what Thompson calls the “hidden revolution” in book publishing.
- Describe elements of the long tail in relation to books and speculate on how that will affect libraries and library collections.

### C-03b Types of Information Resources

None

### C-04 Library Management

- What are the basic functions found in every library?
- What are the three types of authority in most organizations?
- What are some alternative organizational structures?

### C-05 Library Functions and Positions

- What areas of the library/information profession interest you most?
- What aspects of the profession were not in your perception of librarian's work?
- What distinguishes a librarian as a professional position?

### C-06a Organization of Information in Libraries: Classic Approaches

- What are some of the limitations of using library classification schemes (Dewey



Decimal System or Library of Congress Classification) for subject arrangement of books on the shelf?

- What are the advantages and disadvantages of using controlled vocabularies?
- What is a MARC record?

#### C-06c Metadata and New Directions in Organization of Knowledge

- Come up with a definition of metadata in your own words.
- Compare the elements in the MARC record (Rubin, page 246) intended to describe books and the elements of the Dublin Core Metadata Initiative (Rubin, page 254) intended for electronic resources. What conclusions can you draw?
- Based on your reading of the Indiana white paper, suggest some ways that the role of cataloging and catalogers in libraries might change in an environment of proliferating information resources.

#### C-07 Networked Information Environment

- Formulate a basic description of how the Internet and the Web work, including how search engines search the web.
- What are some ways that library collection development might change in response to the explosion of society's graphic records?
- Reflect on ways that libraries might respond to the changing ways that users use information.
- What implications does the shift to social computing have for libraries?

#### C-08 Information and Society in the Print and Digital Environment

- What was the original purpose of copyright legislation? How has it evolved?
- When can a library engage the concept of fair use to make copyrighted materials available?
- How does digital rights management impact libraries' and individuals' access to digital information?
- Why is filtering of Internet content a controversial issue for librarians?
- What is the relationship between intellectual freedom and censorship?

#### C-10 Information Technologies in Libraries

- From your exploration of library websites, give examples of the use of technology in each of the five categories listed under "Topics" above
- What are some of the issues involved in licensing commercial digital content?
- Identify and discuss three issues concerning libraries' use of the web.
- Choose a trend from Innovation Lab's Hotlist and speculate about how this trend might play itself out in libraries.

#### C-11 Digital Content and Digital Libraries

- What are the different sources of digital content?
- What do you think the impact of mass book digitization projects on libraries will be?
- What are the key features of a digital library?

#### C-12 Libraries in a Changing World

- What are some of the major trends that the OCLC Environmental Scan predicts for libraries? Think about one change in depth and be able to talk about it.



- Identify some evidence from the OCLC research study, Perceptions of Libraries and Information Resources, relevant to what the public thinks about libraries and and suggest some strategies libraries might adopt based on this evidence.
- What are some commonalities of the predictions for the future of librarians in the workforce? What are the major trends for a type of library that interests you?
- How will the changes in publishing, production, and distribution of information resources impact libraries in the future and how should libraries respond?
- How will the changing patterns of information use, including the movement known as social computing, impact libraries in the future, and how should libraries respond?
- How well will the current methods libraries use to connect users with information resources work in the future information environment? What new methods might be worth exploring?

#### O-03 Degree Structure and Milestones

- Where on the website can you find information about each of the topics for this module?
- What paperwork must you complete and submit for graduation?
- What is required to do an internship?

#### O-04 The SIRLS ePortfolio

- What are the benefits of creating an ePortfolio?
- What is meant by self-assessment of learning, in the context of SIRLS?

#### PD-04 Values and Ethics

- How would you define ethical behavior for library and information professionals?
- Do you have any personal values that conflict with professional values?
- How do you decide which values will prevail in which situation?
- Does the library profession have a responsibility to education their various clientele to the rationale behind their professional values?

#### PD-07 Diversity

- How do the concepts of diversity and multiculturalism differ?
- What are the challenges in creating a diverse work environment?
- Should library staff be composed of the same diverse backgrounds as the clientele which they serve?

#### TS-01 D2L Training

- How does virtual learning differ from traditional face to face learning? Name some advantages and disadvantages.
- Are virtual classes for you? Why or why not?

#### TS-04 Information Retrieval

- What kinds of information resources are located in bibliographic databases?
- What are some approaches you will use to locate resources for your issues paper?
- What are some factors that make comprehensive searching difficult?



### TS-03 Using Libraries

- What online resources in library science can you find on the library website?
- Who is the librarian assigned as a liaison to library and information science?
- Who is the Dean of Libraries at the University of Arizona

### TS-05 Library 2.0: Hands on Intro to Social Computing

- What are some of the ways libraries use technology to expand the services they offer to their users?
- Why is it important for libraries to collaborate with their users?

Wrap-up, Q&A and Online Course Evaluation

