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Collections & Services Comparison

Compare this broad based model with more traditional project based staffing models:

Benefits:

- In the knowledge gap between both libraries and library systems in both countries
- Improved student experience

Disadvantages:

- Professional librarian and paraprofessional staff share the same work

Professional Requirements

- Must be US citizen

- MLIS required

- PhD preferred

- Must hold permanent appointment

- Must hold state library certification

Final Thoughts

- Foster future collaboration

- Mutual benefitting

- Learn about the services and practices from the visitor

- Expand the interface and explore as much as possible

- Library staff take time to understand with bilingual staff

- Project planning and deliverables

- No need for dedicated personnel