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8th edition

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In-Text Citation Examples

author in sentence Keeler discusses library services for the twenty-first century, focusing on customer service skills and patrons' needs (89).

author not in sentence Librarians need to develop specific customer service skills based on the needs of patrons (Keeler 89).

2 authors Content strategy is a new discipline that combines "user experience design, information architecture, marketing, and technical writing" (McDonald and Burkhardt 14).

3 or more authors Brandon et al. document their study of the personal narratives of women working in a variety of library IT positions (2).

website, no author Banned Books Week brings the entire library community to celebrate the freedom to read ("Banned Books Week").

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Works Cited Examples

- book** Keeler, Hali R. *Foundations of Library Services: An Introduction for Support Staff*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2016.
- ebook from database** Brandon, Jenny, et al., editors. *We Can Do IT: Women in Library Information Technology*. Library Juice Press, 2018. *EBSCOhost*, search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=2145258&site=ehost-live.
- chapter or essay** Dalmia, Shikha. "Immigrants Do Not Burden Social Services." *Immigration*, edited by David M. Haugen et al., Greenhaven, 2009, pp. 55-59.
- article from database** McDonald, Courtney, and Heidi Burkhardt. "Library-Authored Web Content and the Need for Content Strategy." *Information Technology & Libraries*, vol. 38, no. 3, 2019, pp. 8-21. *EBSCOhost*, doi:10.6017/ital.v38i3.11015.
- webpage** "Banned Books Week." *American Library Association*, 11 Dec. 2012, <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/banned>.

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