

## Alexa the Friendly Librarian

General Research Topic:



One day, I invited Professor Alexa Azzopardi to give a presentation in a class I was teaching. My students “knew” that any day when the librarian visited was going to be a dull day. What they ended up with was an exciting game of *Stump the Librarian* where they were given the opportunity to ask Professor Azzopardi difficult research questions.

Once a question was asked, Professor Azzopardi would conduct a variety of on-line and database searches to find the answer; searches which we projected on a screen in the front of the room.

I had offered a prize of 25 cents to anyone who could ask a question which Professor Azzopardi could not answer. Although the students tried hard to win the quarter, Professor Azzopardi could not be stumped. After all, she is a reference librarian and therefore knows everything. And what she does not know, she knows how to find.

Make friends with a reference librarian as you begin your research paper—when you are still trying to get ideas—and continue working with him/her throughout the semester.

### Assignment

After discussing your research topic with a reference librarian, please summarize the results of your conversation below. Be sure to include the name of the librarian with whom you met.

