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RDM Program Website Review

RDM Website Review: Purpose

Explored RDM staffing structures of 9 GWLA libraries:

- How many have functional data specialists?
- The mean number of library staff dedicated to RDM
- The mean number of liaisons identified at each library
- How many liaisons performed consultative services?
1) All liaisons; 2) Some liaisons, or 3) No liaisons.

RDM Website Review: Results

- ✓ 89% had functional specialist positions - data management librarian, research data specialist, et al.
- ✓ Mean number of dedicated staff = 2
- ✓ Mean number of liaisons per library = 13.
- ✓ RDM liaison work:
 - 22% of libraries - All liaison staff provided RDM services
 - 56% of libraries - Some liaisons provided RDM services
 - 22% of libraries - No liaisons offered RDM services.

RDM Program Research Questions

Research Questions. Website review informs the following questions for case studies:

1. What is the RDM service training of liaisons?
2. What is the role of liaisons regarding RDM practices?
3. What is the expected role of functional specialists?
4. What is the relationship between liaisons and specialists?

UNLV Libraries Case Study

Staffing

Library Liaison Program

11 Liaison Librarians

Scholarly Communication Initiatives

- Head, Scholarly Communication Initiatives
- Digital Scholarship Librarian
- Visiting Library Fellow.
- Data Librarian (new position requested)

Training

- Coursera course
- Library Juice Academy course
- Internal libguide
- Data Carpentry Workshops
- ACRL *Build your RDM Toolkit*
- UNLV Libraries RDM Liaisons' Toolkit

Data Repository

Digital Scholarship@UNLV

- Instructional Repository hosted by UNLV Libraries
- Supported by Scholarly Communications Initiatives
- Capable of storing small data sets
- Not a full fledged data repository

OSU Libraries Case Study

Staffing

Library Liaison Program

- 5 Liaison Librarians + 1 vacancy
- Hired new 1) Research Data Initiatives and 2) Scholarly Services librarians (both repurposed liaison positions)
- Collaborate with Library's Digital Resources & Discovery Services supporting Metadata.

Training

- Workshop based sessions and internal libguide to house materials for topics such as DMPs, data organization, etc.
- Data Carpentry Workshops
- ACRL *Build Your RDM Toolkit*
- Adapting <https://databasic.io/en/> program to broaden discussions library-wide.

Data Repository

- Shared with OU (**ShareOK**)
- Accepts datasets; we deployed a form for easy upload and manual creation of researcher profiles
- Developing a plan for how to attract faculty deposits.