DataQ

Research Data Knowledge Base

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Libraries and Research Data Services

"Reassigning existing library staff is the most common tactic for offering RDS. This approach also needs to be supported with **professional development for staff** so they can gain the required expertise to provide the full range of RDS" (Tenopir, Birch, and Allard, 2012)

Feedback from Subject Librarians

- "Research data is **intimidating**!"

- "How can I take on research data support with **so much else already on my plate**?!"

- "I need **practical tools** to use to help researchers with their data"

But also:

- "Helping faculty and students with their data is an **increasingly important part of my liaison duties**"

Data Services Training: Learning Goals

Subject Librarians are able to:

- Understand the stages
- Define the role
- Apply skills
- Plan for outreach
- Feel confident
- Engage with researchers

Enter DataQ

Website that serves as a collaborative, peer-reviewed reference tool for librarians providing research data services

- Online space for collaboration

- Community of research data experts and subject librarians

- Knowledge base of practical data information for librarians

DataQ: Where are we at?

- Applied for initial funding from IMLS in February

- Currently gathering support for editorial board nominees, initial content submissions, sustainability

Key to Success: Community Engagement

Letters of support from:

- Arizona State University Libraries
- Great Plains Network
- Greater Western Library Alliance
- University of Arizona Libraries
- University of Colorado Boulder Libraries
- University of Kansas Libraries
- University of Nevada Las Vegas Libraries

Many other libraries have expressed informal support, so...

...Be a Part of DataQ!

Questions?

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