Announcements

At the last Eresearch meeting, members worked on editing and providing feedback for the RDS committee charge Heidi had written. Beth submitted it to EC. EC discussed it very briefly and approved it. In the coming weeks or so, we should be getting announcements about it.

Make plans to gather and review metrics for research data and related services

Research data related questions were set in place using desk tracker, as of July 1. As we get to the close of the fiscal year, Beth discussed looking at the questions that were received, possibly inviting Jen Yu in to discuss what was collected and interpretations of this information. She also discussed how this information that both the library and RDS can use to talk about metrics that relate to research data services and data curation. Also discussed was how these metrics are related to the big picture of RDS and how the services, curation and management is built by each interaction. As well as how will we tell the story about what we do with RDS?

Other items in this discussion include a small group being formed to look at the information we’ve gathered in desk tracker. Sarah will send an email to obtain participants for this.

Provide suggestions for Library strategic priorities related to research data curation, management, and services

1. Research data management and curation: Training and ongoing professional development in research data curation and management as a component of competency for all librarians. The Library's Research data network can include education and integration. Data literacy program -- for staff and faculty.

2. Evolving professional roles in research libraries: data services librarian, subject specialist, liaison, functional specialist; define the several roles that enable the library to accomplish its work and identify how these roles can help us accomplish strategic goals.

3. Incentivizing professional change to address strategic priorities: What is the reward structure for professional development, library acknowledgment of someone's going out of their way to re-shape their position description to do new and different things that are strategically important to the library? How are people incentivized to align their personal annual report goals to strategic library goals?

4. Setting an institutional research agenda: Illinois has extensive expertise in the area of research data curation and related services. Propose a research project to gauge the effectiveness of the RDS in supporting researchers to manage and curate their data; ROI on research data management. Could seek grant support as well. The Library could leverage participation in the ARL collaborative research program and/or innovation labs to collaborate with peers on applied research in these areas.
Continue discussion and make plans for Library Research Data Network

Discussed how we would save the resources on research data management that we find, in terms of structure, purpose. Looking for tools that are out there. Talked about Drop Box. Tom Habing also mentioned, Microsoft One Note because it has a web sharing feature. Also discussed blogs and websites that are followed.