Updates & Announcements

- Research Data Service searches – The Data Curator and Research Programmer positions had strong pools. Phone interviews for both positions are in-process.
- CLIR/DLF Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Data Curation – RDS collaborated with GSLIS to develop a postdoctoral fellow opportunity at UIUC. The postdoc position is currently posted on the CLIR website for applicants.
- Cyberinfrastructure focus group – The Year of Cyberinfrastructure Committee, which Heidi serves on, is conducting focus groups with various units across campus to learn about the IT research needs of faculty on campus. Part of the discussion will be aspirational (i.e., What would researchers like to do, if resources were available). The Library’s focus group will be on January 12, 2015.
- Savvy Researcher data management workshops for spring – The workshops taught last semester will be consolidated to three workshop – introduction, publication/sharing, organization/documentation – developed by three person teams. Heidi, Karen, and Lisa Hinchliffe are working on assessment of these workshops.
- Recent data consultations – Heidi shared information about recent data consultations with researchers at Beckman, in Human & Community Development, and in Kinesiology.

Research Data Network

Need to identify pilot disciplines/groups and people to be involved. Discussed several ways to group individuals: by disciplines, by types of data (e.g., GIS), by types of research (e.g., qualitative, quantitative). Also discussed how these groups might relate to the Library’s divisions. Decided to start with a life sciences group and a GIS group. Heidi will invite individuals to participate and convene the groups soon, and the Data Curators can become involved once they’re on board. There will be opportunities for others to become involved in other groups in the future, once we’ve had a chance to experiment with the pilot groups. Also discussed how to compile and share the information that is gathered, perhaps using Dropmark, Pearltrees, or LibGuides.