

Demystifying Research and Publishing in Libraries

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What to Expect

Objective: to support academic library staff who want to conduct research and get published

Discussion prompts to stimulate conversation

Q&A encouraged throughout the session

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Question 1

How do you generate ideas and develop them into action plans and a research agenda?

In other words, how do you go about turning ideas into something tangible?

Question 2

Surveys, interviews, case studies, datasets—the options can be overwhelming. How do you choose the right methodology for your project?

Question 3

What are some of the challenges you have personally encountered when “doing” scholarly research and writing? How have you navigated those challenges?

Question 4

How do you select the right audiences and venues for your scholarly work? What about alternative models of publication?

Question 5

How do you go about disseminating your findings
and “selling” your research?

Bonus Questions!

What can you expect from the editorial process for different kinds of scholarly publications?

How do you find the time and motivation to research and write? Any tips to share for work-life balance?

How COVID-19 impacted your process?



Questions?
Thoughts?