

Research data have become primary scholarly assets that often require continued access in the dynamic environment of mobile researchers, volatile repositories, transient products and software, and short-lived standards. Libraries have maintained the written scholarly record for centuries, and building on this tradition, librarians have been adapting the principles and practice of librarianship to meet the modern needs of data-driven research and learning.

Libraries have been expanding on their traditional roles and developing new services in the digital environment. This includes collecting, preserving and providing access to research data; as well as offering advice and support to researchers about how to manage research data. The purpose of this group is to build capacity within the library community around research data management and to share practices as RDM library services evolve and mature.

Objectives of the Libraries for Research Data Interest Group include:

- Fostering institutional support for research projects in data management planning, organization and classification of data (metadata), and data repositories for the long-term stewardship of data (preservation)
- Defining organizational models to support RDM
- Embedding data management services as infrastructural services at academic and research institutions and elucidating sustainable organisational business models
- Incorporating data-related skills into information literacy instruction for the training of future scholars and into LIS curricula for the training of future librarians
- Consulting on data curation through reference interactions, data management planning, and other services
- Providing advocacy and outreach for data curation in the research and education communities