23 Things: Libraries for Research Data
An overview of practical, free, online resources and tools that you can begin using today to incorporate research data into your practice of librarian.

Learning Resources
Librarians are learning how to apply the principles of library science to solve problems and to provide new services related to research data.

1. A “top ten” list of recommendations for libraries to get started with research data from LIBER, http://bit.ly/1qUvKG3

2. Relevant concepts are presented and mapped in the e-Science Thesaurus, http://bit.ly/1LE04h8


6. Dozens of examples of resource guides created by librarians for patrons to learn more about data on the SpringShare LibGuide Community Site, http://bit.ly/1DvMDcr


8. Learn more about a researcher’s needs by reading or creating your own Data Curation Profile, http://bit.ly/1ehftXb

9. Develop engagement materials to help your librarians such as the DataOne Librarian Outreach Kit, http://bit.ly/1qOU3mn


Data Management Plans
Librarians are becoming familiar with funder requirements and consulting with researchers to help them write and implement effective data management plans.

11. One example is the DMPTool that lists funder requirements in the United States and builds a plan by asking the researcher to answer a series of questions. Other countries such as the U.K. and Canada have similar tools, http://bit.ly/1LuNZMH

Data Reference & Outreach
Librarians are answering questions about data from patrons and conducting outreach to assess the data needs of their researchers and students.

12. The Data Information Literacy project and book developed a curriculum to help librarians and other teachers incorporate data into information literacy outreach and instruction, http://bit.ly/1KkOvws
Metadata
Librarians are helping to organize, classify, and describe research data and developing standards for metadata to help make data more easily discovered, understood, and preserved.

13. Determine what metadata format is appropriate and standard to recommend or apply by using the Metadata Standards Directory, http://bit.ly/1g6e0Vy

Citing Data
Librarians are helping to promote the scholarship of data by encouraging and enabling data citation, assigning identifiers to datasets, creating links between documents and data, and helping users properly attribute credit to data producers.

14. DataCite has resources to help researchers make their datasets citable to help users give attribution and to begin measuring impact by issuing Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) for datasets, http://bit.ly/1SCFGgu

Data Licensing and Privacy
Librarians are helping researchers share their data using appropriate licenses and while protecting confidential information about subjects or other sensitive data.

15. How to License Research Data from the Digital Curation Centre can help librarians work with researchers to choose a license for the data they share, http://bit.ly/1RDEqfw

16. JISC manages the DATA-PROTECTION email list with discussions on issues related to sensitive data, http://bit.ly/1JyQOy2

Digital Preservation
Librarians are working with the archival community to develop and implement infrastructure and practices to ensure that data collections are accessible and usable in five, twenty, fifty, or a hundred years or longer.

17. Understand vocabularies and standards for digital archives using the Open Archival Information System (OAIS) reference model and trustworthy digital repository certifications such as ISO 16363 and the Data Seal of Approval


Data Repositories
Many libraries are providing institutional repositories to enable their users to publish and archive datasets or helping researchers identify other, appropriate repositories for specific funders, disciplines, or other domains.

19. Find an appropriate repository by searching the re3data.org registry of research data repositories, http://bit.ly/1Klsivr

20. Publish and share data now using free, online data repositories such as figshare, Zenodo, Open Science Framework, or DataVerse


22. Some annual conferences that address research data and involve librarians include the International Digital Curation Conference (IDCC), Research Data Access & Preservation Summit (RDAP), International Association for Social Science and Information Services (IASSIST), and Research Data Alliance (RDA)

23. Join the Research Data Alliance!
Belong to an international community who builds social and technical bridges to enable data sharing. It’s free to join by visiting the website, then subscribe to the Libraries for Research Data Interest Group, http://bit.ly/1qtTE92

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