

Transforming of the librarian role in the University of Latvia – research librarian function

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Agenda

- ▶ Research on topic “research librarian function”
- ▶ Roles features
- ▶ Practice in the University of Latvia (UL)
- ▶ Proposals for the future

Research paper No.1:

- Title: **The Shift of Information Literacy Towards Research 2.0.**
- Authors: **Tibor Koltay, Sonja Špiranec, Laszlo Z. Karvalics**
- Paper type: Desk research
- Publication year: 2015

Research paper No.1: Purpose

- ▶ To find out features of Research 2.0 in its relationship with information literacy
- ▶ To explore the trends in the research process, scholarly communication, information literacy and librarianship

Research paper No.1: Results

- ▶ The Web 2.0 influences the way in which researchers work with information
- ▶ Changes in research cultures and scholarly communication have direct impact on information literacy and conversely
- ▶ Slow uptake of Web 2.0 services
- ▶ Information literacy needs to be more “2.0”

Research paper No.2:

- Title: **Transforming library research services: towards a collaborative partnership**
- Authors: **Jayshree Mamtora**
- Paper type: Case study
- Publication year: 2013

Research paper No.2: Purpose

Explore the new and changing role of the research
librarian

Research paper No.2: Results

- ▶ Skills and qualifications need to be continually updated
- ▶ Changing from a supportive relationship to a collaborative partnership

Research paper No.3

- Title: **“Making space” in practice and education: research support services in academic libraries**
- Authors: **Mary Anne Kennan, Sheila Corral, Waseem Afzal**
- Paper type: Research paper
- Publication year: 2014

Research paper No.3: Purpose

- ▶ How do professionals and educators “make space” as new service demands arise?
- ▶ Do library staff require additional education, training?
- ▶ How education institutions respond to the evolving role of research support services in academic and research libraries?

Research paper No.3: Results

- ▶ Slow responding
- ▶ Developed or degraded academic librarianship
- ▶ Education and training for both new and currently practising librarians

Roles features

- ▶ Understanding scholarly communication and culture
- ▶ Support in technologies and innovations
- ▶ Research data management
- ▶ Research evaluation
- ▶ Supporting of open access
- ▶ Digitization
- ▶ Copyright and intellectual property assistance
- ▶ Assistance with finding funding

Practice in UL (1)

- ▶ Trainings in using of e-resources
 - ✓ Time suggested by UL Library
 - ✓ Time determined by researchers
- ▶ Informative activities and trainings in different forms and topics
 - ✓ Webinars, seminars, workshops
 - ✓ Web of Science, Scopus, Open Access, Open Science
- ▶ Librarian training



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Booklet for researchers and PhD students

Practice in UL (2)

- ▶ Informative materials (in the UL website, by e-mail, etc.)
- ▶ Consultations for request
- ▶ Other UL Library services

Proposals for the future

- ▶ Librarians need to be active researchers by themselves
 - ✓ to take care of some of the areas of librarianship
 - ✓ to create the studies on which publications are indexed in the citation databases
- ▶ Active cooperation with researchers
- ▶ Librarian's life-long learning
- ▶ Support researcher's life-long learning

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