ODL: Data Equity Librarians Interview Protocol

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# Intro

I’m working with Washington State Library this summer to assess ways the State Library might support open data services at public libraries statewide. Since Data Equity for Main Street is such a significant open data library project, I’d like to learn more about what worked well, what could be better and what you think libraries need in order to provide open data services.

# Questions

* How did you come to be involved with Data Equity for Main Street?
  + How did you personally become involved (assigned? personal interest?)
  + How did the library system become involved (heard a presentation? Responded to an email blast?) *If the interviewee doesn’t know, ask who might know.*
* What do you think made your library willing to participate in the project?
  + Probe for staffing, equipment, expertise, leadership, continuity with past activities, freedom to try new things
* What Data Equity activities did your library undertake? [*Did they put on the four classes for the public, just train staff, etc.*]
  + *[If activities stopped short of public classes*] Did you do as much as you had intended? Any particular hindrances? Any future plans to teach the curriculum – why or why not?
  + [*If the library put on classes for the public*] How did your library invite class participants? Anything you would do differently in the future?
    - What channels did you use to publicize the classes
    - Did you do any targeted outreach to parties engaged in literacy or public interest research – for example, teachers, activists or journalists?
  + [*For libraries that put on classes for the public*] What worked well? What helped the effort? What hindered it? What would be better to do differently in the future?
* To what extent do you think open data literacy is connected to the library’s mission?
  + Has the library done other kinds of public information literacy classes/outreach in the past (e.g., accessing government documents)?
* To what extent has your library advised local government about publishing open data?
* Does your library publish open data about its own operations? Use open data to improve operations? Any plans to do so?
* If you had everything you needed, what would be the next right step for open data programming and services at your library? What would you need to take that step?
* Anything I haven’t asked you or that you’d like to add?