Open Data Literacy project: Washington State Library

Questions for DEMS10

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*DEMS10 is the IT manager for a rural county library serving 5K to 25K people. The county publishes limited GIS open data. The area has another data portal generated by a university/community partnership.*

# Questions about the library

* Can you tell me a little about the population you serve -- lots of young families? retirees? immigrants? etc.
* The calendar appears to have many events for school-aged children. Does that group account for most events at the library?
* What is the library’s relationship with city/county governments, schools, the health department, chamber of commerce, or community groups? (Do you report to any groups, sit on committees together, or intersect in other ways?)
  + Has the library talked to any of these groups about publishing open data? Collaborated on any other substantial projects with these other groups?
* To what extent does the library use data internally, to manage operations? Publicly, to demonstrate its value to the community?
  + The library already makes a lot of documents available through a Google Drive folder. How likely is it that the library might publish open data about itself in the near future?

# Questions about Data Equity classes

* You’ve offered a portion of the Data Equity curriculum to staff. Do you have plans to offer the curriculum to the general public? Why or why not?

# To sum up

* Given the needs of your community, what might be the right next steps for your library in the area of open data -- publishing open data? Advising local government about publishing? Continuing Data Equity instruction with staff, or the public? Something else?
* Is there anything the State Library could provide to help you take that step?
* **Anything I haven’t asked you or that you’d like to add?**