

Survey of Data Librarianship

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Purpose:

The purpose of this study is to survey data librarians and other equivalent information professionals about aspects of their work. We hope to illustrate the value of collaboration between data librarians and other librarians and information professionals and capture the wide-ranging characteristics of data librarianship as a profession. We will be comparing responses with character traits of energy vampires from the television show *What We Do in The Shadows* in scholarly publications.

Participant Requirements:

Adults (18 years or older) who are data librarians or information professionals who work with data, live in the United States, and are fluent in written English are invited to participate in this study by completing this electronic survey.

Process:

The survey will take an estimated 10 minutes. You may choose not to participate. If you decide to participate in this research survey, you may withdraw at any time before submitting your response via this form. Because we are not collecting identifying information, we will not be able to withdraw your response to this survey once you submit this form. If you decide not to participate in this study or if you withdraw from participating, you will not be penalized.

Confidentiality:

Your responses will be confidential and we will not collect personally identifying information such as your name, email address or IP address. All data will be stored in a password protected electronic format. The results of this study will be used for scholarly purposes only. Research materials, including response data, will be deposited in the UNCG institutional repository.

Risks:

There are no known risks associated with this research.

Benefits:

While there is no direct benefit to participants, this research will inform knowledge of services provided by data librarians. Not only could the research lead to improved understanding of the role of data librarians, but also to future opportunities for collaboration between data librarians and other information professionals.

* Required

1. *Mark only one oval.*

☐ I have read the above and consent to participate in this study

2. What is your job title? *

3. How long have you worked in libraries? (years, months) *

4. How long have you worked as a data librarian or in an equivalent role? (years, months) *

5. Do you have a degree or certificate related to your position? *

Check all that apply.

☐ BS/BA or equivalent

☐ MLIS/MLS or equivalent

☐ MSIS or equivalent

☐ Certificate of Approval from your Regional Vampiric Council

☐ PhD

Other: ☐

6. What time do you usually start your work day? *

Example: 8:30 AM

7. What time do you usually end your work day? *

Example: 8:30 AM

8. At which type of institution do you work? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Academic Library
- ☐ Public Library
- ☐ School Library
- ☐ Other: _____

9. How many data librarians or equivalent (including yourself) are at your institution?

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10. Which aspects of data librarianship does your job encompass? *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Data Reference & Consultations
- ☐ Data Collections & Acquisitions
- ☐ Data Management Services
- ☐ Data Analysis Assistance
- ☐ Data Visualization Services
- ☐ GIS Services
- ☐ Data Instruction, Presentations, & Workshops
- ☐ Discipline Liaison Librarian
- ☐ Vampirism, including but not limited to extracting the life-force of others especially through sustained and intentional emotional or visceral anguish and repeated annoyance, irritation, and/or psychological exsanguination
- ☐ Outreach, Events, & other Programming

Other: ☐ _____

11. Which populations of patrons do you serve? *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Academic Research Faculty
- ☐ Graduate Students
- ☐ Undergraduate Students
- ☐ Librarians
- ☐ Adults
- ☐ K-12 Students
- ☐ Denizens of the Night

Other: ☐ _____

12. Which data related tools do you consider yourself proficient using and teaching?

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Check all that apply.

- ☐ SPSS
- ☐ SAS
- ☐ Stata
- ☐ Python
- ☐ R
- ☐ SQL
- ☐ NVivo
- ☐ ATLAS.ti
- ☐ Regular Expressions
- ☐ ArcGIS
- ☐ QGIS
- ☐ Tableau
- ☐ Power BI
- ☐ Text Editors
- ☐ GitHub
- ☐ Open Refine
- ☐ Spreadsheets (Google Sheets, Microsoft Excel, Apple Numbers, etc)

Other: ☐ _____

13. Describe the data-related project of which you are most proud.

14. Describe a typical Tuesday at work. If you don't have a typical Tuesday, a typical Wednesday or a reasonable facsimile of a contiguous 24 hour work period will suffice.

15. Is there anything you would like to share with librarians and information professionals about data or data librarianship.

16. Is there anything you would like to share with librarians and information professionals about anything... no really, anything.

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