Keeping Up With Perpetual Motion: Research Lifecycle Support Services in Academic Libraries

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Who are we, and what do we want?

At Northeastern University, we are a core group of three librarians:
• Digital Repository Manager
• Director of Scholarly Communication and Digital Publishing
• Research Data Management Librarian

We frequently find ourselves asked to consult/provide support on different aspects of the same research project.

Our library had the idea that the three of us should join forces to provide a unified service.
Supporting the Research Lifecycle

Our current services along the lifecycle:

- Data management plans
- Metadata consulting
- Data management consulting
- Author rights consulting
- Copyright/fair use/permissions consulting
- Communicate results
- Share findings
- ORCID registration
- Publishing
- Digital Repository Service
- Other repositories

Outreach & advocacy on all things "open" - e.g., access, data, educational resources - and encouraging sharing & reuse as appropriate.
Hello
my name is

Research Lifecycle Group

Researcher Services

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Biggest challenge so far: Deciding what to call ourselves

• How to position ourselves within the library and externally (on campus)
• What qualities and concepts do we want to emphasize?
• Where is there possibility of overlap/brand confusion?
Planning for the future

What’s next vs. what’s now

Balancing our current capabilities with a long-range vision in a changing landscape

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Questions to consider

• What services described here are you/your library currently offering and would they be more effective if offered together?

• Has there been change at your institution that has led to the need for the library to offer services like this?

• Who in your library would need to be directly involved in such a unified service and who could/should serve in supporting roles?

• What challenges of diplomacy might you encounter in your library and on your campus?

• What are some easy opportunities for success?

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Thank you!

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