UNDER CONSTRUCTION: BUILDING RESEARCH DATA SERVICES AT UNCG

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Before we get started:

How many of you work in institutions that are currently providing research data management (RDM) support services for users?
Overview

• UNCG and the University Libraries
• UNCG’s research data support service model
• Outreach efforts
• Institutional repository/Dataverse integration
• Challenges, value, future directions

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UNC Greensboro

• Public, four-year research university

• One of seventeen campuses in the UNC System

• FTE is 19,000 students
UNCG University Libraries

• Collections:
  • 2.8 million items (books, govdocs, and microforms)
  • 42,666 electronic journals
  • 250+ electronic databases

• Collection strengths:
  • Local and regional history
  • Music/performing arts
  • University history
  • Women’s history

• Staff:
  • Approximately 90 FTE
  • 30 tenured or tenure-track faculty
We build things

WT Cox Subscriptions Acquires Journal Finder From UNCG

WT Cox Subscriptions (www.wtcox.com) has entered into an agreement to purchase Journal Finder from The University of North Carolina Greensboro (UNCG; http://journalfinder.ung.edu/uncg). Journal Finder, the first OpenURL Link Resolver to go into production in the U.S., gives library patrons easy access to the electronic resources to which a library subscribes. Journal Finder was created and designed and has been maintained by the Electronic Resources and Information Technology staff of UNCG.
Why research data management? And why the libraries?

• The Libraries are already in the business of preserving, providing access, and supporting faculty research.
• Pre-existing data discovery support.
• Culture of support for open access, desire to extend those offerings.
• Funder requirements (NSF, NIH, and other granting agencies).
• Demonstrated need on campus.
  • Survey results
  • Requests from faculty
Secondary data discovery

• New Data Services & Government Information Librarian position created in 2007.
• Focus on supporting data discovery primarily for government data, data archives, and subscription sources.
## Locations for Storing Data

From UNCG Faculty Research Data Support Needs Survey report, October 2013

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We’re part of a bigger picture

Other partners in campus research data management services:
  • Office of Sponsored Programs
  • Information Technology Services
  • Departmental programs
    • School of Health and Human Sciences
    • School of Nursing
What do we do?

• Educate about data and data management best practices.
• Assist in the creation of data management plans.
• Provide an option for sharing and archiving data (NC DOCKS/Odum Institute partnership).
• Connect researchers to other (non-library) services.

http://uncg.libguides.com/RDM
Library roles

- Research, Outreach, and Instruction
- Technical Services
- Electronic Resources and Information Technology
- Research Data Support
Research, Outreach, and Instruction (ROI)

- Serves as connection to the faculty and research offices regarding data needs.
- Provides training to graduate students and faculty on RDM best practices.
- Provides assistance with data management plans or archiving options as requested.
- Works within the liaison team structure to support researchers in every discipline.
Technical Services

• Sets metadata policies and creates documentation.
• Manages item and metadata loading in NC DOCKS (IR) and Dataverse.
• Provides assistance with research data questions.
• Targeted outreach to faculty.
• Training, training, training.
Electronic Resources and Information Technology (ERIT)

• Manages NC DOCKS server, develops and supports NC DOCKS product.
• Consults on requests involving local technology support.
Think – Pair – Share

• Is RDM support a cross-departmental effort in your institution, or is it centralized?
• Are there other campus partners (outside of the library) that you do or could collaborate with?
Whom do we support?

Students, faculty, and staff.
Whom do we support?

Institutional partners

NC DOCKS
digital online collection of knowledge and scholarship
Research data management task force

- Personnel:
  - Associate Dean for Public Services
  - Assistant Dean for Electronic Resources and Information Technology
  - Health Sciences Reference Librarian
  - Science Liaison Librarian
  - Data Services and Government Information Librarian
  - Metadata Cataloger

- Develop a plan for supporting RDM in the library
Targeted outreach

• Open Access Policy initiative
• Departmental meetings
• Outreach to research offices, Research Advisory Council, and Office of Research Integrity
• Research data management best practices workshops
• “Responsible Conduct of Research: Taking the High Road to Better Data” presentation series
Open access policy initiative

Open Access: Sharing your scholarship

What about research data?

- Data management planning resources
- Research data hosting (through a partnership with the Odum Dataverse at UNC Chapel Hill)
- There are other options - just ask to learn more!
Outreach to campus departments and research groups
RDM workshops

Research Data @ UNCG Univ. Libraries

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“Responsible Conduct of Research”

RESEARCH INTEGRITY

HOME  ABOUT  RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH (RCR)  TRAINING  REVIEW

RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH

Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) involves shared responsibility for the responsible conduct of research among the institutional administration, the research oversight committees and the researchers. An effective RCR program includes comprehensive institutional policies and procedures for the conduct and review of research, coordination of all units (administrative offices, oversight committees, etc.) that impact the responsible conduct of research, systematic education programs in RCR and systematic quality assurance/quality improvement activities.

Responsible conduct of research (RCR) includes:
- Conflict of interest (personal, professional, financial)
- Policies regarding human subjects, live vertebrate animal subjects in research, and safe laboratory practices
- Mentor/mentee responsibilities and relationships
- Collaborative research, including collaborations with industry
- Peer review
- Data acquisition and laboratory tools, management, sharing, and ownership
- Research misconduct and policies for handling misconduct
- Responsible authorship and publication
- The scientist as a responsible member of society, contemporary ethical issues in biomedical research, and the environmental and societal impacts of scientific research

The UNC3 Office of Research Integrity (ORI) offers training to meet the regulatory requirements of both the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. Additionally, this program meets the institutional goal of developing a university-wide approach to meeting the ethical standards that it was founded upon.
Think – Pair – Share

• What activities have you done or participated in as RDM outreach efforts at your institution?
• What areas of need have you seen among student/faculty populations regarding RDM?
Types of requests

• Informational – “How can you help me?”
  • What services do you provide in this area?
  • Will you look at my data management plan?
  • What repository should I use?

• Technical support – “This isn’t working.”
  • Why won’t Dataverse load my data set?
  • Why isn’t this file type displaying?

• Training – “I need help doing this.”
  • How do I write a data management plan?
  • How do I get my data into Dataverse?
Questions we ask: DMP creation stage

• What type of data will be produced?
• What standards will be used for documentation and metadata?
• What steps will be taken to protect privacy, security, confidentiality, intellectual property, or other rights?
• If you allow others to reuse your data, how will the data be accessed and shared?
• How will the data be archived for preservation and long-term access?

http://tinyurl.com/UNCG-RDM
A note on DMPs

• RDM LibGuide offers general DMP information and tips
• We offer access to DMPTool, but we are not a partner, so we don’t offer templates for researchers
• No formal requirement for researchers to bring DMPs to the library

http://uncg.libguides.com/RDM/CreateDMP
Questions we ask: Researchers who already have data

• What field is the researcher working in?
• What format is the data in?
• What is the size of the dataset?
• Is there existing metadata? Is there a codebook?
• Are there privacy concerns with the data, such as PII?
UNCG’s research data partnership
NC DOCKS at a glance

- Open access
- Home-grown system
- Collaborative partnership bringing together eight UNC system schools
- Faculty, staff, and student works
- Articles, presentation slides, ETDs, audiovisual materials, and more
- Metadata and document entry handled by library personnel
- Discovery via Google
http://libres.uncg.edu/ir/
Fossil GPS

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Abstract: The article focuses on paleontology and discusses how luck has played a big role in many of the world’s great fossil discoveries. It also discusses a new technique that improves the odds of finding ancient bones. It reports on the use of modern computer models that look for hidden patterns in satellite images and generate maps of fossil sites, helping fossil hunters narrow their search.

Fossil GPS
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Abstract: This LibQual+ library survey data was collected by the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) for the University Libraries at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Survey respondents were students, faculty, and staff at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. This data was collected from October 15, 2012 to November 10, 2012. This data set and its associated documentation are available for download. To view and download the file, follow the link below and choose the “Data & Analysis” tab.

Link to data and documentation
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http://arc.irss.unc.edu/dvn/dv/UNCG/faces/study/StudyPage.xhtml?globalId=hdl:1902.29/11520
NC DOCKS/Dataverse process

• Researcher contacts liaison librarian.
• Liaison librarian explains our services or contacts DS Librarian.
• Liaison librarian contacts Coordinator of Metadata Services.
• Further communications with researcher, via email or in-person.
• Coordinator of Metadata Services and/or liaison librarian assist researcher in loading materials into Dataverse and completing metadata entry.
• Coordinator of Metadata Services completes associated metadata record in NC DOCKS.
What we don’t do

- Mandate library review of all DMPs
- Accept legal responsibility for data deposited in NC DOCKS/Dataverse
- Know the researcher’s data/research area as well as they do
- Provide curation services
- Store private/confidential/sensitive data
  - Personal Identify Information
  - Electronic protected health information (ePHI/HIPAA data)
- Maintain restricted data access contracts
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Top 10 Research Data Formats

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We aren’t the only option

- Dryad
- figshare
- ICPSR
- ...and more!
How is it going?

• Outreach sessions offered?
  • 2013-2014 – 1 session
  • 2014-2015 – 5 sessions
  • 2015-2016 – 6 sessions

• Information requests received?

• Access RDM page?

• DMPs created?

• Data sets loaded?
Challenges

- Limited resources (both budgetary and personnel)
- Communication and publicity
- “It’s one more thing to do”
- Changing expectations/requirements for data management
- The Research Data Lifecycle
The Research Data Management Lifecycle

1. **Research Question**
2. **Data Search / Reuse**
3. **Data Management Plan**
4. **Collection**
5. **Data Storage**
6. **Description**
7. **Analysis**
8. **Re-collection**
9. **Archive**
10. **Publication**

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Value

• Strengthen relationships between Libraries, researchers, and scholarly communities
• Meet needs of campus constituencies
• Support new publishing/sharing models
• Demonstrate commitment to open access and the research data lifecycle
Looking forward

• Continue to follow developments in this area.
• Consider further extension of service offerings when budget allows.
• Publicize services to campus researchers and offer educational opportunities.

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UNCG Data Services Links

• NC DOCKS (Institutional Repository)
  • http://libres.uncg.edu/ir/uncg/

• Data management LibGuide
  • http://uncg.libguides.com/RDM

• UNCG Faculty Research Needs Survey Report
  • http://libres.uncg.edu/ir/uncg/listing.aspx?id=16367

• Scholarly Communications LibGuide
  • http://uncg.libguides.com/scholarlycomm

• Odum Institute at UNC Chapel Hill:
  • http://www.odum.unc.edu/odum/home2.jsp