



Upwards and Onwards: The Role of Research in Health Sciences Librarianship



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Relevant Activities



★ Canada

★ US

★ UK

★ Australia





★ Leslie Morton Memorial Bursary

★ MLA Education Policy Task Force

★ MLA Research Policy Task Force



Four Questions



★ What is the state of research in our field?

★ What is an appropriate methodological framework for LIS research?



★ Is there evidence that we are becoming more research based?

★ How can we become more research based in the future?





Definition of Research



★ Systematic study of a topic

★ Research design

★ Research method



★ Data analysis and results

★ Implementation and dissemination

★ Application of findings





Roles for librarians in research



★ Helping others to do their research

★ Using our OWN research

★ Doing our OWN research





State of Our Research



★ Alexandra Dimitroff. *BMLA* 80(4):340-346, 1992.



★ Denise Koufogiannakis, Linda Slater and Ellen Crumley. *J Info Sci* 30(3): 227-40, 2004.





Research Methods Available

- ★ Jonathan Eldredge. JMLA 92(1):83-90, 2004. Lists 20 different research methods.
- ★ Most common according to Koufogiannakis et al are comparative, descriptive, cross-sectional, program evaluation, content analysis, bibliometrics.





Evidence of Progress



★ Conferences

★ Publications



★ Professional associations

★ Funding opportunities

★ Involvement of librarians in health care research and EBP



★ Emergence of EBL



Putting OUR knowledge to work



★ EBL in strategic plans

★ Benchmarking

★ Standards



★ Changes in scholarly publishing

★ MLA's Center of Research and Education
(CORE)





Finding Your Research Niche



★ Self assessment available on the
CHLA/ABSC website



1. What is my level of interest?





2. What are my major research goals?





3. What support is available?





4. What are my specific research objectives for the next year?





Upwards and Onwards!

