



The changing role of Libraries

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Current practices in NWU

Library as researcher enablers

Reskilling librarians

NWU Libraries as partners in e-Science

Trends

Collaboration - integrating services with IT and research office

Library as a publisher - moving to publishing / hosting Open Publishing platforms

Libraries as active partners in research

Research Data management

Digital Humanities

Scholarly communication

Institutional and data repositories

Reskilling Librarians – knowing how to use technologies

Current practices in NWU

Partners with NWU e-research initiative

Institutional Repositories (Boloka- Open Access)

Special digital collections (access to various digital collections)

Research Data management support (Advisory role, webpage, best practises)

Research support page: <http://library.nwu.ac.za/research-support>

Research spaces: 3 Campuses (work stations, skype room, conference room)

Access to library services: Web-based services (e-books, databases, e-journals, Libguides)

Library as a research enabler

- ❖ Digital literacy
- ❖ Research assessment tools
- ❖ Bibliographic management tools
- ❖ Data Analysis tools (Atlas. ti, SPSS, Open Refine etc)
- ❖ ORCID
- ❖ Researcher online visibility – Impact(research gate, google profiles, impact)
- ❖ Research assessment tools
- ❖ Faculty librarians consultation face-face or emails

Reskilling librarians

Workshops (RDM)

Conferences (Digital humanities, LIASA)

Knowledge transfer (Peer-peer)

IT training opportunities (R, Library carpentry)

Self- directed learning (learning by doing as needed)

NWU Libraries as partners in e-Science

Digital humanities project (in the pipeline) - Partners with DH center

RDM (Pilot study- needs analysis)

Feasibility study to develop school of librarianship (Digital humanities, data curation, e-research etc)