

The Evaluation Librarian: Applying Evidence and Assessment to Collections Work

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Abstract:

This session will outline a practitioners approach to collection management that draws from the data and research based decision-making framework of Evidence Based Librarianship and the user-centred focus of Library Assessment practices. The theoretical framework and characteristics of an "Evaluating Librarian" will be outlined, placing this concept in the context of practical implementation. A series of case studies from the University of Alberta Libraries in Edmonton, Canada, will outline current collections practices utilizing this method of decision making. This session will provide you with a model for decision making in collections work, and give you ideas about how to incorporate "evaluating librarian" practices in your work.