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Editorial

Evidence Summary Theme: Data Creation, Access, and Services

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This is our first themed selection of Evidence Summaries since completing our exploration of the six domains of librarianship identified by Koufogiannakis et al. (2004). In this and future issues, we will be choosing themes based on trends that we are seeing in library research and emerging topics of interest. We already have some great topics planned for the next few issues, but if you have a suggestion for a topic, you are very welcome to share it with us.

For this issue, we have chosen the very broad topic of data and the ways in which libraries are engaged in the use, access, creation, and storage of many different kinds of data. Research on this topic is occurring in all types of libraries and heritage institutions and covers a wide range of domains including information access and retrieval, collections, outreach, and education.

The six Evidence Summaries in this issue cover data services and data availability within the academic research environment, data collection and access to government data in public libraries, and open data and born-digital data in museums and archives. We are also happy to report that five of the six articles being appraised are available open access.

We hope that these summaries will provide inspiration for services and research in your own context.

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