



“The library helps with that?”

A reality check on the integration of scholarly communications support

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Scholarly Publishing and Open Access Webpage Redesign project

- Determine **purpose** and **audience** of pages
- Get input from liaison librarians throughout project
- Solicit feedback on structure and content of draft pages through **user-testing** with librarians and graduate student library workers

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Scenarios for user-testing: The Dream

You receive an email from a journal with a Call for Papers asking you to publish your research with them. You've never heard of this journal before and want to check that it's a good place for you to publish.



Scenarios for user-testing: The Dream

You're applying for an academic job and want to demonstrate the impact of your work so you can include that information in your application.



Scenarios for user-testing: The Reality





Graduate Student Survey: The Other Reality

As a graduate student, what aspects of your research process do you need support with that you're not currently finding at the university?

Workshops on... publishing [and] finding places to publish."

"There are many resources out there, but not an integrated approach for "translating" science for broader audiences or more proactively, design science to be accessible"

"Knowledge translation to the public. For example, publishing a book of my thesis that is useful and can be understood by the public."



The Path Forward

- Integrate the library in the research process so researchers seek us out at all stages of the research process, from the grant application stage through to research dissemination and knowledge mobilization.
- Continue to partner with relevant groups within the University to integrate our services.
- Leverage champions to promote services to colleagues.