Welcome to the inaugural issue of the UW Libraries ResearchWorks Data Services Team Quarterly Newsletter! (We promise to never use that title again.) We hope these newsletters will provide you with an idea of the services the Data Services Team offers, projects we’re involved in, and data-related information, news and events of interest to the local community. If you have something you’d like to share with us or our readers, please let us know! (Image courtesy http://www.lib.washington.edu/about/strategicplan/strategic-directions.)

Current projects
In November 2012 we sent out a Research Data Management Needs (RDM) Survey to PIs & Co-PIs across campus. More than 300 people responded, and of those, over 100 agreed to a one-on-one follow-up interview to provide us a more in-depth understanding of RDM needs of researchers from a variety of departments. (Huge thank you to all of you who participated!) As of early March, 16 interviews had been conducted. In April, Stephanie Wright presented the results of the interviews at ACRL 2013 in Indianapolis (slides to be online soon); full results of the survey data will be available this fall. Stay tuned for more details!

Our team is working its way through strategic planning to make sure we stay abreast of what’s happening internationally, nationally, and locally and respond with appropriate services and information. We’ve recently unveiled our mission statement, below, and will next be working on our vision & values and strategic priorities:

**MISSION:** The ResearchWorks Data Services Team facilitates the integration of data into the intellectual discovery process across disciplinary and organizational boundaries.

On February 5, 2013, we presented a *workshop* called “Data Management for Librarians.” The goal of the presentation was to provide library staff with basic information about data management in general, and details about services offered by the Data Services Team specifically. We surveyed attendees both prior to and after the workshop to gauge their top needs in the area of data management. From the input we received, we hope to offer additional workshops on digital humanities, data management plan training for students and researchers, campus speakers talking about their research, and better publicity for our own services. If you have additional comments, questions, or workshop requests, please send them our way!

Current Blog Posts
UW Libraries Data Services maintains a blog (http://data.blogspot.com) featuring news and information related to data management in general, and data issues on the UW campus in particular. Featured posts this quarter include:

- *Global Health Data Exchange Updates,* explaining several updates and upgrades to the GHDx at the University of Washington.
- *The Library "Reboot" in Nature,* featuring a link to the article (from an issue focused on changes in publishing) discussing how some libraries are adding data visualization and research data management to their campuses.
- *The New OSTP Policy and Data,* highlighting the federal mandate that significantly moves federally funded research toward an open-access policy for both published findings and data.
Federal Announcement

In late February, the White House issued a directive mandating that a large group of federal agencies develop open-access policies for both their publications and datasets within the next six months. (This is separate from but in addition to proposed legislation (FASTR) that would mandate open access from the largest research-funding agencies in government. Lots of good information on both is available at http://legacy.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/newsletter/03-02-13.htm).

What this means is that by the end of August, agencies such as NIH, CDC, FDA, NSF, DOE, and many others will be required to have data management plans in place, as well as the provision for open access to their publications and datasets via repositories. There are no doubt many researchers on the UW campus who will be affected by this change, and who will be creating data management plans and figuring out what to do with their publications and datasets. We are working to identify which researchers will need help, and how best to meet their needs. We are also working on an environmental scan to determine how best to meet the repository needs of the campus. Right now, small papers and data (up to 10GB) can be self-deposited into DSpace; large-scale data can be put in UW-IT’s lolo. This leaves a gap for mid-size datasets, and we’d like to figure out how to best meet that need on campus.

Our Services

We provide two guides for the UW community, one on data in general (http://guides.lib.washington.edu/data), the other on data management (http://guides.lib.washington.edu/dmg). In addition, we:

- Provide data management reference and consultation
- Can help researchers create a data management plan
- Can help create persistent identifiers for writing or data
- Provide data management reference and consultation including referral to experts outside the Libraries
- Present to groups and classes on research data management
- Blog about data-related information and events at Data.blogspot.com
- Tweet @uwlibsdata and have a Facebook page http://www.facebook.com/UWLibsData

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