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Informationist Team
Liaisons:
School of Medicine,
Biomedical Engineering,
Mathematics
Research Data Management

Research Team
2 PIs
Mathematics
Biomedical Engineering
Collaborators
School of Medicine
Off-campus faculty
Graduate and Undergraduate Students

The Informationist Team hopes to show that this model, utilizing the skills of multiple librarians, is a viable way to support the increasing number of interdisciplinary and interprofessional research groups at the university who need help from embedded librarians. By working as a group, the Informationist Team is able to help in many new roles.

- So far:**
- **Literature searching:** extended searching to multiple subject databases, strengthened PubMed searching, especially in areas of imaging and mathematical modeling
 - **Citation management:** help with *Zotero*
 - **General library help:** finding protocols, books, articles, etc.
 - **Data management:** interviewed team members, developed basic metadata form for research folders, working to add form to all folders
 - **Attend lab meetings** to receive and answer questions as they come up.
 - **Presented on data visualization** for Journal Club.

- Survey Results**
After 1 Year (n=7)
- 5 of 7 had worked with Informationists, found what they needed, and saved time.
 - “Having someone who knows database searching helped save me time.”
 - “Found Sources I may not have otherwise.”
- Changes from Pre-Survey (n=3)**
- Moved from school server to cloud for storage of data, documents, etc.
 - Recognized data management as important to work.

Traditional Roles

- 1 Help with literature search.
- 2 Help find journals for submission.
- 3 Help format bibliography.

Additional Informationist Roles

- 4 Help with Data Management Plan and funder compliance.
- 5 Help set up and teach group citation management tool.
- 6 Teach students, staff, etc. about research data management.
- 7 Help set up and maintain research data organization.
- 8 Help with data analysis and visualization.
- 9 Find data repositories.
- 10 Make sure sharing is tied to ORCID and keep track of altmetrics.
- 11 Find data for reuse.

