Early Career Librarians
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Research & Publication

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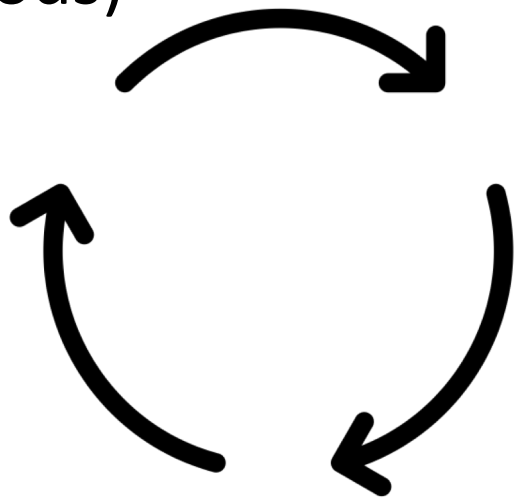
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Considerations for research & publication

- Job responsibilities (tenure track or not)
- Experience (previous research & publication)
- Preparation (course on research methods)
- Confidence
- Time



Why research & publish?

- Develop **new knowledge**
- Position the library as a contributor to **research on campus**
- Give librarians **experience** with research & publication, which is applicable to their work with faculty
- Advance in **jobs** & profession



Our survey



- ✓255 valid responses
- ✓Respondents worked in libraries for 5 years or less
- ✓All have MLIS or equivalent



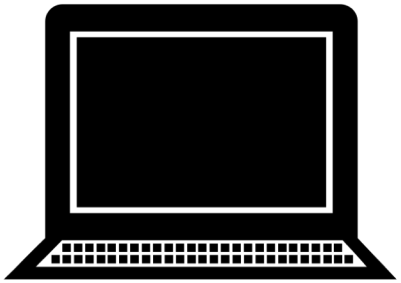
This talk's focus:

Influencing factors for engaging with research & publication

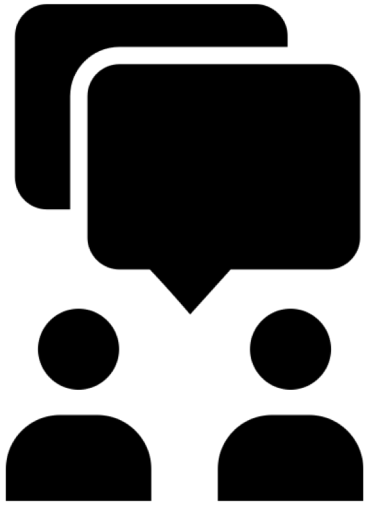
Top positively influencing factors



1. Convenience of accessing scholarly resources (*n* = 206, 86%)



2. Access to necessary technology (*n* = 203, 84%)



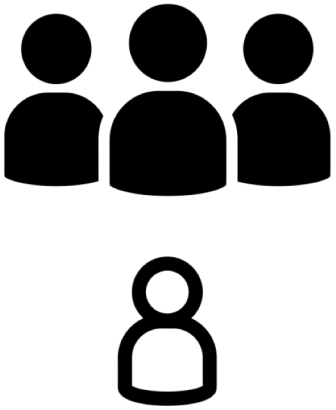
3. Collaborator support and/or presence (*n* = 189, 78%)

*positive + strongly positive combined

Top negatively influencing factors



1. Absence of supervisor support (*n* = 117, 48%)
2. Absence of mentor support (*n* = 116, 48%)



3. Culture at my academic library (*n* = 47, 19%)

*positive + strongly positive combined

Additional factors = personal

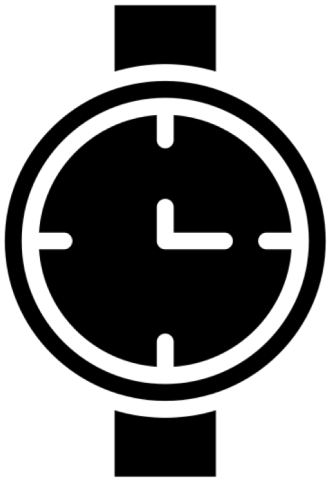
- Self-motivation (presence or absence)
- View of librarianship (positive or negative)
- Lack of confidence
- Personal life
- Access to conferences
- Job applications

(+ time)

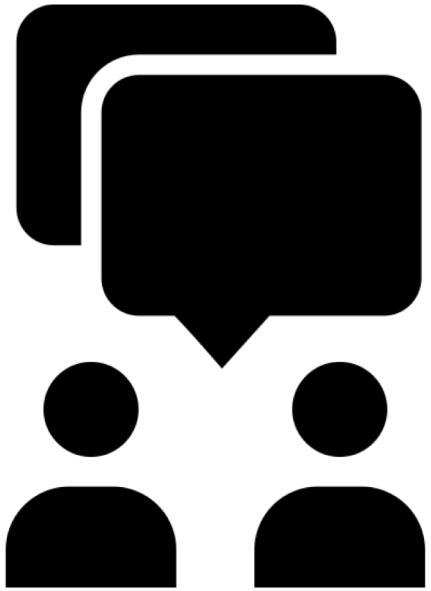
(+ culture)



Top factors for publishing more in the future

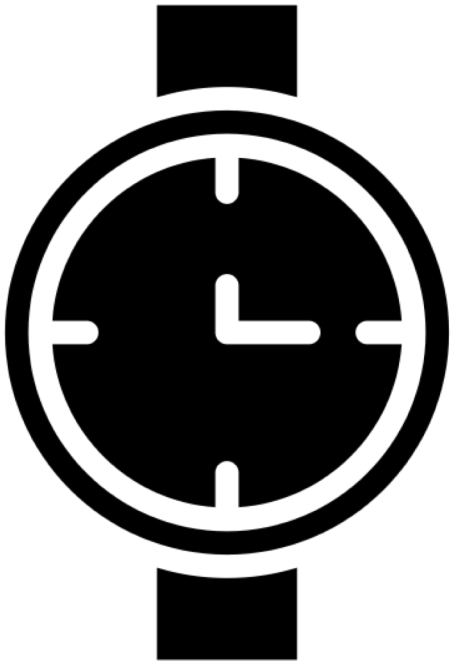


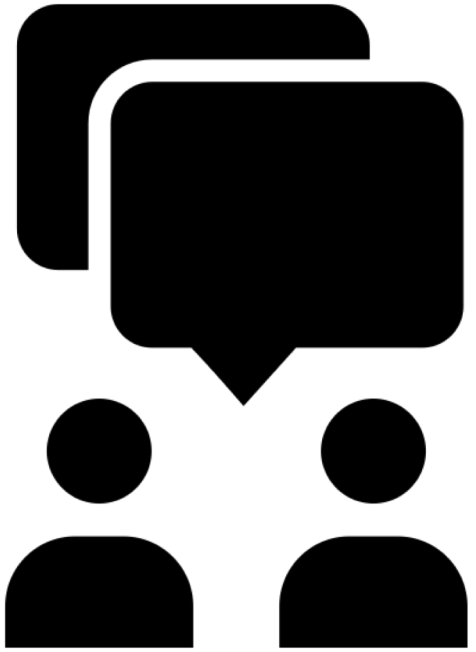
1. Dedicated time to conduct research (*n* = 199)



2. Supervisor support (*n* = 128)
3. Collaborator support (*n* = 128)

So what?





Thank you

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