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MLA Research Section, Research Agenda Committee

The MLA Research Agenda…

15 Questions…

Objectives: The Research Agenda Committee of the MLA Research Section published the second MLA Research Agenda in 2012. The Research Agenda is a list of “the most important and answerable questions facing the profession.” In 2013, the committee proposed teams of librarian researchers be deployed to conduct systematic reviews to determine the evidence relative to these questions.

Methods: The teams are currently in the process of conducting systematic reviews. Most teams aspire to complete their systematic reviews, each representing a question in the Research Agenda by summer 2014. Several of the systematic review teams are presenting at the MLA annual meeting on various aspects of their progress. This poster will present the status report of the project as a whole. It is a fascinating and important project with so many members involved. The results of the project will drive research directions in our field and provide a starting point and knowledgebase from whence to begin the next phase of our evidence-based practice.

Results: This poster present the status report of the project as a whole. It is a fascinating and important project with so many health sciences librarians and MLA members involved. The results of the project will drive research directions in our field and provide a starting point and knowledgebase from whence to begin the next phase of our evidence-based practice.

Conclusions: Several teams are on target to complete their reviews by summer 2014, while others will not be completed until a later date. The Research Agenda Committee is coordinating the project and will assure the eventual completion of reviews for all fifteen questions.

HELP WANTED

We lost one of our team leaders early on, so one team never really got off the ground. If you are interested in this project please contact us at one of the above email addresses. This is a great project with a lot of opportunities for growth and achievement.

Team Presentations at MLA 2014


Anderson PF et al. (Team 6). Tools for Building Our Information Future: Emerging Technologies Vital to Medical Libraries. Poster Number: 201. Tuesday, May 20, 1:00 PM – 1:55 PM Room: Columbus KL, Gold Level, East Tower

Other Forthcoming Presentations/Publications

Team 1: Submitted a manuscript to a prestigious journal, presenting at CHLA Montreal, June 2014 and submitted to Five-chapter “Quint Essential” meeting, Denver, CO, October 12-16, 2014.


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