

Discovering New Avenues of Promotion: Collaboration with the Division of Research

Annette M. Healy
Wayne State University
October 4, 2009

Why is support of research important?

- Major mission of a research university
- Important source of revenue
- Successful research required for promotion/tenure
- Libraries spend \$\$\$ supporting research

Researchers and Libraries

- As a researcher

- Used library frequently
- Never asked for help
- Never attended workshops
- Unaware of new resources and services

- As a librarian

- Researchers rarely come to library
- Researchers rarely attend workshops
- Some researchers difficult to identify

Division of Research at WSU

- Administer grants
- Technology commercialization
- Research compliance
- Research communications
- Professional development

How the collaboration came about:

- Vice President for Research was interested in subscribing to COS Scholar Universe
- Approached Dean of Libraries about cost-sharing
- Members of both orgs attended product demo
- Led to discussion of collaboration opportunities

Key Collaborators:

- Sarah James, Division of Research
 - Research Support Liaison
 - Administers internal funding programs
 - Coordinates workshops, training, and seminars
- Annette Healy, University Libraries
 - Public Services Librarian
 - Liaison to Chemistry, Physics, Nutrition
 - Research Support Team Leader

New Avenues of Promotion for the Libraries

- Participate in Faculty Development seminars
- Participate in Faculty orientation
- Library services added to Div of Research faculty handbook
- Promote resources in Research@Wayne
- Division of Research able to promote events

Benefits for the Division of Research

- Services linked to Libraries website
- Liaisons have increased understanding of role of Division of Research
- Promotion of Division of Research events
- Assistance for Office of Technology Commercialization
 - Obtain articles from libraries

Collaboration with the Graduate School

- Scholarly Communications Workshops
 - “Effective Research from your Desktop”
- School of Library & Information Science
 - Put workshop content online
 - Promote to all graduate students

Current Projects

Liaison to Division of Research

- COS training for academic units
- Faculty orientation
- Assist Office of Technology Commercialization
- Contribute to Research@Wayne

Lessons Learned

- Collaboration with other units beneficial
- Sponsor of programming matters
 - Division of Research
 - Graduate School
- Learn about programming by other units
 - Ask to participate
 - Suggest programming ideas