Call for Book Proposals: Library Assessment

The MLA Books Panel seeks to publish a book for health sciences librarians on library assessment. The term “library assessment” describes the processes that librarians can use to evaluate their services and to determine how well they are supporting their users’ needs. Assessment can prove library value by showing their libraries’ contributions to their institutions’ mission and priorities. In addition, library needs assessments enable librarians to determine how best to serve their communities. Many areas and functions of the library can be assessed, including instructional activities, discovery services and other search tools, user experience, library facilities and spaces, and services such as interlibrary loan, programs, and collections.

This monograph will provide an overview of library assessment and should include case studies and examples of assessment projects at a variety of different types of health sciences libraries. Possible topics include:

* an assessment overview, definition, purpose, and types and methods
* how to develop a culture of assessment
* how to link assessments to the institution’s mission and priorities
* methods and best practices in library service areas including, but not limited to, reference, instructional programs, database evaluation and selection, and outreach programs
* examples of specific assessment projects
* how to follow ethical guidelines, respecting the privacy and confidentiality of all library users and employees

Health sciences librarians, hospital librarians, librarians working in the health care field, and all librarians with knowledge of library assessment are encouraged to apply.

Step one consists of submitting a completed Book Proposal: Step 1 Form to [Martha Lara](mailto:lara@mail.mlahq.org) at MLA by October 1, 2018. If you are interested and have additional questions, please contact Claire Joseph, AHIP. At this time, the Books Panel is seeking an author or editor; chapter contributions cannot be considered until an editor has been chosen.

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