

Libraries collaborating to advance open initiatives

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Open initiatives thrive with interdisciplinary and community collaboration, and libraries are well-positioned to support such partnerships. Libraries have long played a role in effecting and facilitating positive changes in open scholarship. Libraries provide institutional repositories and open publishing platforms; they partner with software engineers, humanities centers, and informaticists to preserve and analyze open data; and they form consortial partnerships to advocate for fair practice in publishing. Through these cross-institutional partnerships and initiatives, libraries are helping to bring together diverse stakeholders and promote the open dissemination of knowledge.

This panel session presents international perspectives on collaboration between libraries, institutions, and communities. We will discuss examples of immersive and collaborative research services and community engagement, exploring the challenges of collaborative practice, and highlighting how customized approaches to service can lead to new opportunities for libraries and researchers. This session will also reflect on the foundational principles and emerging skillsets that underpin such initiatives. Attendees will leave the panel with a better understanding of the role of libraries in open scholarship, as well as with new ideas for building collaborations and promoting open projects within their communities.