

Suggestions for Anne Harrison Award Research Hot Topics

Digital transformation – what are the new and emerging library service models

Best practices for developing library services in the digital health world of mergers, shifting boundaries, consolidations, collaborations. Eg <https://doi.org/10.5195/jmla.2019.520>

Staffing ratios – health library staffing numbers in relation to hospital employees or university staff/student numbers (in academic libraries).

Integration of Point-of-care health information/knowledge resources with hospital EMRs. How will electronic health records have an impact on clinical libraries? How will this affect the way libraries connect with clinicians?

Use of AI (eg Alexa, Google Assistant, Cortana) in health libraries eg to access the library catalogue, this may be the way AI is heading in the USA universities. <https://protect-au.mimecast.com/s/IUAKCZY1rRs54XL3fzDXKb?domain=youtube.com>

Measuring value and impact – methods and applications

Digital literacy and digital transformation

Are health librarians aligned to our competencies?

https://www.alia.org.au/sites/default/files/HLA%20Competencies_0.pdf

Health libraries and linked data

Partnering with public libraries re consumer health literacy

What are the best current awareness strategies? Should the service be tailored to different groups of clients?

Many clinicians just search Google. Is a single clinical information portal (such as CIAP or CKN or CHC) the best way of providing access to health information?

Best practices in identifying publications by staff in an organisation?

Systematic reviews - do we need Australian guidelines for search services provided to researchers undertaking systematic reviews or scoping studies?

How are systematic review services organised in health libraries?

In 2013, Sladek et al (DOI: 10.1111/hir.12018) recommended 'Assessment of health librarians' searching competencies warrants further professional debate and consideration.' What is the evidence base for claiming that librarians are better searchers than doctors, nurses or allied health clinicians?

Should librarians aim to become embedded in the academic clinical curriculum and how is effectiveness assessed?

How do Australian health librarians assist researchers to improve their online profiles i.e. document the impact of their research?

Is the 2013 Marshall study on the value of library and information services in patient care relevant to Australian health libraries?

Key Performance Indicators to demonstrate our value – can we keep it simple?

What are the challenges of national licencing for online health information resources? What are the options for a national consortium?

How do you maximise feedback from clients? Should the process be tailored to different groups of clients?

What are best practices for teaching information literacy skills to undergraduate health students? Eg Should information literacy training be offered Just In Case or Just In Time?

How can clinical libraries contribute to consumer focussed care?

How do health library and information services promote Library and Information Week?

What strategies make health libraries highly visible?

What is the health library's role in onboarding of staff in an organisation?

Is there a role for story telling in showcasing the value of health libraries?

Digital health and changing models of service delivery in our libraries and organisations

Digital health literacy, building a digitally literate workforce

Digital inclusion, widening digital participation

Consumer digital health literacy, partnering with consumers and NSQHS standard 'Partnering with Consumers'

Digital health leadership in libraries

Librarian skills and competencies in digital health

Digital innovation in the library and information sector

Health technology and opportunities for multi-disciplinary collaborations

Technologies for improved information discovery, knowledge creation, user experiences (eg AI, machine learning, user interfaces, text analytics, data analytics, data visualisation etc.)

What does diversity in health libraries look like? How can this be measured?

How do you measure impact or effectiveness from subscribed resources?

How do health services operate without a health librarian? Private? Rural/regional?

What does information governance mean to health librarians? How active are health librarians in the information governance space within their organisations?

What do health library staff position descriptions look like? Are they similar? Different?

Comparison / evaluation of new search tools (Research Rabbit / Connected Papers / CoCites / Inciteful etc etc) with traditional search tools

Academic health centre models (hospitals, universities and research institutes collaborating as clinical, education and research partners) – how libraries position themselves

As the number of article retractions continues to increase, what are health librarians saying about trustworthy sources/critical appraisal/EBM and does that need to change?