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*Increased Accessibility of
Datasets and Statistical
Resources Through
Faculty-library Collaboration*

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Overview...

- The Setting
- The Idea and Preparation
- The Problem
- The Solution
- Outcomes
- Future Plans

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The Setting

- Private
- Liberal arts
- 2100 students
- 9 Librarians
- Liaisons
- Dataset Management



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The Idea and Preparation

- Informal conversations
 - Formal
 - Internal politics
 - Buy-in
 - Collaborative
 - Efficient
 - Review sites
 - Create rough outline
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Who was involved?

- Librarians
 - Faculty from:
 - Economics
 - Sociology
 - Political Science
 - Library Technology Administrator
 - Director of Information Technology (IWU)
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Initial Discussions

- Datasets defined
 - What do we have?
 - What disciplines use the datasets?
 - How are the datasets used?
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The Problem

- No comprehensive list
 - Scattered throughout campus
 - Require mediated access
 - Inefficient use of time
 - Repetition of efforts
 - Underutilization of resources
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The Solution

- A Dataset Subject Guide
 - Searchable

Better access would result in:

- Resources being better utilized
 - Duplication of efforts reduced
 - Increased usage
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Project Development

- Identify datasets
 - Collect information
 - Structure information
 - Accessibility issues
- Web development
 - Review other sites
 - Design
 - Search capabilities

Data and Statistical Resources Web Page

<http://www.iwu.edu/~library/>

Outcomes

- Increased Communication
 - Mutual Appreciation
 - Shared Ownership
 - Reduction in Redundancy

 - Library as Clearinghouse
 - ICPSR OR
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Future Plans

- Additional training
 - Continued promotion
 - Maintenance
 - Add new datasets and resources
 - Follow-up on evaluation findings
 - Better utilize ICPSR membership benefits
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