

# The First 6 Months of Open Science

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51 Consults  
8 Workshops

**Data Scholcom**  
**Both**

## Background

We are two new librarians in newly created positions in a new department in a newly designated Carnegie R2 university. That's a lot of new! It was also an opportunity for us to collaborate building Open Science infrastructure on a clean slate.

## Strategies

- Create new outreach offerings
- Seek out interdepartmental partnerships
- Utilize wisdom of library colleagues

## Surprises

Enthusiasm for our roles and faculty involvement in library programs. It was clear that UNCW, a historically student-centered university, was hungry for more faculty-oriented research support.

## Roadblocks

- A large library reorganization that reconfigured our department and disrupted workflows/identity
- Navigating different outreach channels that didn't always talk to each other
- Time! For repository management, consultations, event planning, etc.

## Lessons

- Important to establish ourselves as "point people" for specific areas - not unicorns
- General/introductory support was valued over extreme expertise in this early stage
- Embrace institutional context in developing Open Science initiatives
- Identify Open Science areas to focus on by what is most unclear to researchers
- Find hidden Open Science skills of colleagues

## Key Competencies

- Data curation, ethics, and management
- Copyright and open licensing
- Keeping abreast of open landscape
- Knowledge of Open Science platforms

January 2022+

**investigate open policies**

**Love Data Week planning**

OER fund launch ORCID membership

December 2021

**collaboration planning**

**data literacy training for librarians**

**hiring data services student workers**

VIVO pilot launch new Read & Publish deal

November 2021

**investigating costs of Open platforms**

**set up series of meetings with other depts**

**open data workshops**

October 2021

**Open Access Week (including ICPSR talk)**

**first Dataverse deposit consult**

**copyright and impact workshops**

**UNCW-authored open textbook publishing**

September 2021

**Open Access Week planning**

**networking and learning**

VIVO project planning APC fund launch

August 2021

**began jobs! created roadmap**

**explored Dataverse**

**revived scholcom library committee**

**evaluated OER and APC funds**