Impact of Research on Practice for Canadian Academic Librarians

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Objective

Identify the impact of the practice of scholarly research on Canadian academic librarians’ professional practice
Methods

- Literature review
- Participants
- Semi-structured recorded interviews
- Qualitative analysis
1. Research question

2. Application or implementation of results?

3. Change in problem solving or decision making?

4. Change in use or appreciation of research literature?

5. Change in interactions with students? Faculty? Colleagues?

6. Change in self-perception?
Results

Research question

• what, why and continuing?
Results

Did you implement or propose implementation of your research findings?
Did your experience change how you would approach a service or policy issue now?
Results

Did your experience change your use or appreciation of research literature?
Results

Did it change your interactions with students? Faculty? Colleagues?
Results

Did it change your self-perception?
Research:

• derives from work

• changes how we approach subsequent issues

• leads us to read more and to read more critically

• improves our relationships with students and faculty and disrupts our relationships with colleagues

• gives us confidence, focus and creativity
Questions/Issues

Increase in sabbaticals/research

Culture vs infrastructure

Research just for some of us?

Does it matter what we research?
Questions
Suggestions
Comments

Thank you