

Selected Readings on Evidence-Based Librarianship and Data

Peter Brophy, *Measuring Library Performance: Principles and Techniques* (2006).

Defines terminology and explains key concepts in a library-specific context. The appendices contain useful “how to” information on methods for gathering and analyzing data.

Joy Frechtling, *The 2010 User-Friendly Handbook for Project Evaluation* (2010).

<http://informal.science.org/documents/TheUserFriendlyGuide.pdf>

This guide was created to assist in the evaluation of National Science Foundation education projects, but it provides a framework and worksheets that could be adopted for use in other settings.

Susan Nissen Lerdal, *Evidence-Based Librarianship: Opportunity for Law Librarians?* 98 *LAW LIBR. J.* 33 (2006).

http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Publications/Ilj/LLJ-Archives/Vol-98/pub_Ilj_v98n01/2006-02.pdf

Offers a literature review on the development of evidence-based librarianship and a discussion of its possible applications in a law library environment.

Jane Ritchie & Jane Lewis, *Qualitative Research Practice: A Guide for Social Science Students and Researchers* (2003).

This guide provides practical advice on how to design and implement qualitative data collection instruments, as well as how to analyze and generalize from results.

Software for Library Data Collection

Gimlet

<http://gimlet.us/>

Gimlet tracks data and serves as a searchable knowledge base. It offers a free, 30 day trial. After that, it costs \$20 per month.

LibAnalytics

<http://springshare.com/libanalytics/>

A data collection and management tool that allows you to track multiple data sets in a single platform. It offers a free, 30 day trial. LibGuide subscribers can use it to track one data set free of charge (see <http://www.springshare.com/free.html>). Costs \$500/year for five data sets and \$700/year for seven data sets. Discounts are available for MALLCO libraries.