IATUL Research Impact Things Program Launch

The International Association of University Libraries (IATUL) Special Interest Group - Metrics and Research Impact (SIG-MaRI) invites you to review, reuse, and share with your colleagues a self-paced professional development programme, IATUL Research Impact Things, available openly under a Creative Commons Attribution ShareAlike license.

In the last few years, we saw libraries across the world take on key roles in driving research initiatives, leading to the creation of research support positions and the role of liaison librarians also shifting. The IATUL SIG-MaRI recognised the lack of formal training and development programmes to upskill staff transitioning into research support roles. It has been, and still is a challenge faced by many SIG-MaRI members.

IATUL member institution the University of New South Wales (UNSW) Library launched the 10 Research Impact Things in 2019 which aimed to develop foundational skills in research impact across the Library based on the bibliometric capabilities framework. The IATUL SIG-MaRI formed a project team led by Curtin University Library, adapted and significantly revised the UNSW programme for the broader IATUL members and beyond as a self-paced training and development tool. This website was launched in October 2020.

“I am very grateful to Trish Wilson and the SIG-MaRI members for the development of this timely programme that will enable IATUL members and others to enhance their digital dexterity and other important research and information management skills! This is an excellent example of IATUL supporting university library colleagues around the world.” - Charles Eckman, IATUL President

The program website includes guidance for local organisers to adopt and run this program at their institution. You can find out if another institution in your region has run this programme before by visiting our community page.

The SIG-MaRI welcome corrections or suggestions to improve the Research Impact Things Program, please submit your feedback via our contact form.