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By Rebecca Mugridge
This book is a thorough introduction to the emerging field of managing research data, addressing the research data landscape as well as practical approaches to establishing a research data management service. The first five chapters address practical concerns of interest to universities, institutes, and libraries as they approach the management of research data. The remaining chapters consist of case studies on research data management projects at five institutions. I recommend this to anyone interested in practical approaches to managing research data.

The research landscape is changing, with key global research funders now requiring institutions to demonstrate how they will preserve and share research data. However, the practice of structured research data management is very new, and the construction of services remains experimental and in need of models and standards of approach. This groundbreaking guide will lead researchers, institutions and policy makers through the processes needed to set up and run effective institutional research data management services. This book will provide a step-by-step explanation of the components for an institutional service - effectively a 'how to guide'. Case studies from the newly emerging service infrastructures in the UK, USA and Australia will draw out the lessons learnt from working (or near to delivery) exemplars. Different approaches are highlighted and compared, for example, a case study of a researcher-focused strategy from Australia contrasted with a national, top-down approach. A chapter on the redeveloped UK Data Service showcases a national research data management service, which may be judged an alternative to institutional services. Key topics covered:

I feel the book is particularly relevant to professional support service staff who now find RDM is part of their remit. Viewed as a whole book, it is a comprehensive guide to the drivers of change, the components of building and executing a policy and implementing an RDM infrastructure, but will also act as a reference text, to look up specific areas of guidance and examples or be signposted toward resources. -- Records Management Journal
I have to admit from the outset that when I was invited to review *Delivering Research Data Management Services: Fundamentals of good practice* by Pryor, Jones, and White, I was concerned that I may not be able to write a useful review for librarians looking for a source that would help them in the implementation of research data management (RDM) services. My concerns, however, were allayed after reading the first chapter of the book. I realized that this book was one that librarians can learn from, use, and adapt...the book is presented in a straightforward and scholarly manner without the overuse of jargon. -- Journal of Electronic Resources Librarianship
This is a book which resonated strongly with me. It advocates for a culture change in data practices; a sustainable, holistic approach to research data management, from policies to planning, to storing and sharing as appropriate, and cautions against being driven by compliance with single funder requirements. Yet it also addresses the importance of sharing data for research impact, integrity and economics. It is neatly split into two: the different approaches and elements of service provision, and case studies. The editors write the bulk of the text; the first five chapters provide an introduction and overview of elements of research data management services, challenges and issues associated with a philosophical shift to the sharing of data from traditionally private storage, to data communication and requirements for data infrastructure. The current gap between researcher requirements and currently available services is also noted, justifying this book as a guide to developing services. -- Australian Academic and Research Libraries
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