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# Research and Publication as an Early Career Librarian

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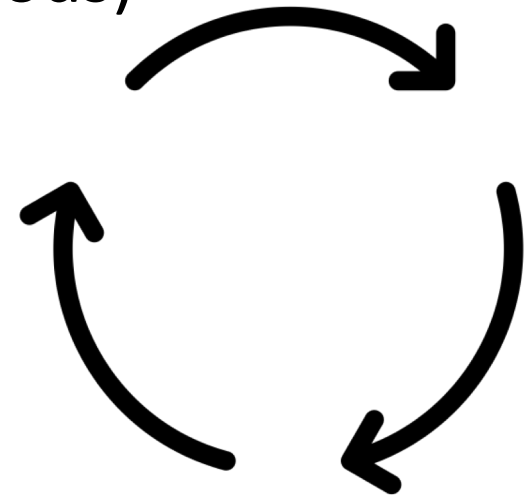
# Early Career Librarians + Research & Publication

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# Considerations for research & publication

- Job responsibilities (tenure track or not)
- Experience (previous research & publication)
- Preparation (course on research methods)
- Confidence
- Time



# Why research & publish?

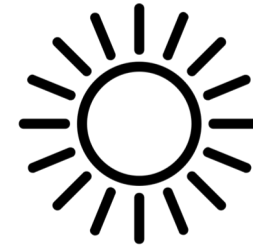
- Develop **new knowledge**
- Position the library as a contributor to **research on campus**
- Give librarians **experience** with research & publication, which is applicable to their work with faculty
- Advance in **jobs** & profession



## Our survey



- ✓ 255 valid responses
- ✓ Respondents worked in libraries for 5 years or less
- ✓ All have MLIS or equivalent

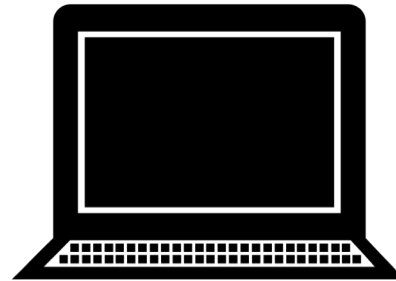


This talk's focus:  
**Influencing factors for  
engaging with  
research & publication**

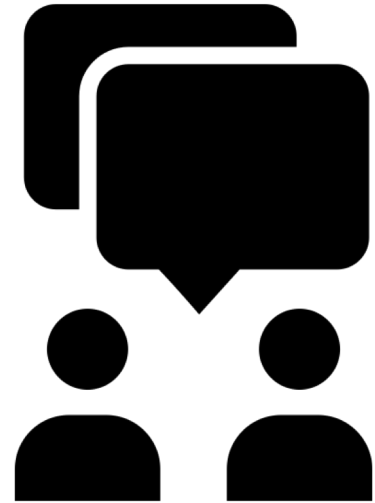
## Top positively influencing factors



1. Convenience of accessing scholarly resources ( $n = 206, 86\%$ )



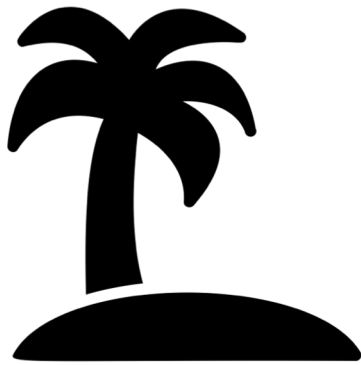
2. Access to necessary technology ( $n = 203, 84\%$ )



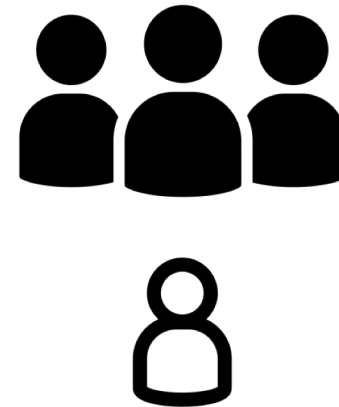
3. Collaborator support and/or presence ( $n = 189, 78\%$ )

\*positive + strongly positive combined

## Top negatively influencing factors



1. Absence of supervisor support  
( $n = 117, 48\%$ )
2. Absence of mentor support  
( $n = 116, 48\%$ )



3. Culture at my academic library  
( $n = 47, 19\%$ )

\*positive + strongly positive combined

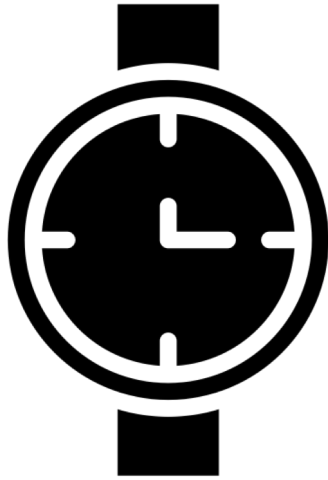
# Additional factors = personal

- Self-motivation (presence or absence)
  - View of librarianship (positive or negative)
  - Lack of confidence
  - Personal life
  - Access to conferences
  - Job applications
- (+ time)  
(+ culture)

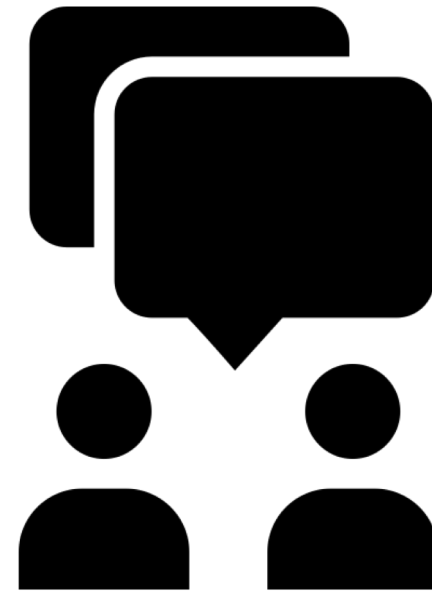




# Top factors for publishing more in the future

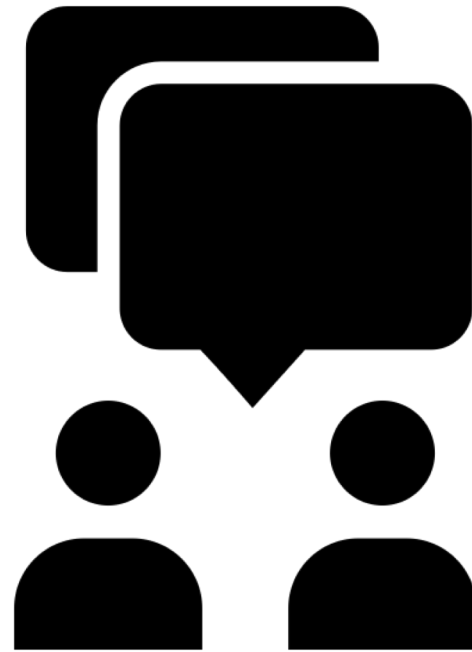
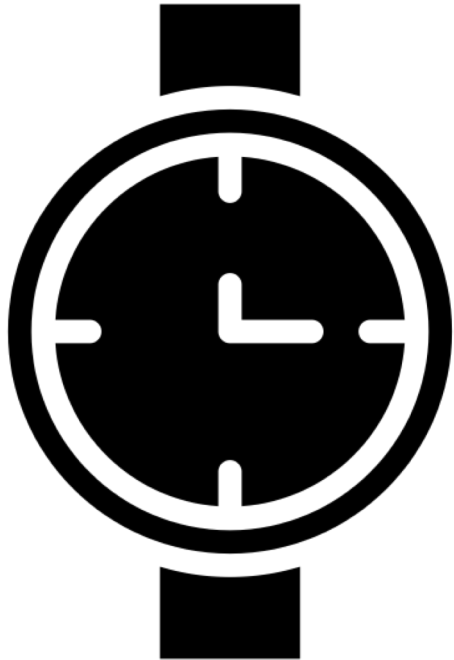


1. Dedicated time to conduct research ( $n = 199$ )



2. Supervisor support ( $n = 128$ )  
3. Collaborator support ( $n = 128$ )

So what?



# Thank you

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