A grand canyon to cross: acknowledgment rates for librarians in nursing systematic reviews

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Methods

• **Search parameters**
  – Quantitative or qualitative
  – “Systematic review” in title and/or abstract
  – Jan 2015 - Aug 2017

• **Sources**
  – PubMed (75 nursing journals)
  – JBI Database of Systematic Reviews

• **Search results**
  – 383 systematic reviews retrieved
  – Author(s) and acknowledgements viewed
Results

• **383 systematic reviews viewed**
  - 16% acknowledged and/or librarian author
  - 7% librarian author

• **Nursing journals vs. JBI**
  - Authorship rate same for both
  - But more JBI reviews acknowledged
    • 21% JBI, 4% in nursing journals
Conclusions

- Assist with more SRs than acknowledged
- Not consistently acknowledged/authoring

Limitations
- “Convenience sample” of journals
- Two sources
Future directions

- Examine a broader set of systematic reviews
- Investigate WHY acknowledgement and authorship rates are so low
Thank you!

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