Publication Strategies Roundtable

Barriers to publication:
- Imposter syndrome/not good or “novel” enough
  - Get over it! Case studies are important for practitioner fields
    - JMLA has acknowledged this
    - In library literature, like to see what works and didn’t in different situations to consider and apply in own libraries
- Writing/Time
  - Work with supervisor and colleagues to discuss importance of setting aside time
  - Commit to the time you set aside
    - Also communicate with colleagues that you are accomplishing work then and need to not be disturbed
  - Find a method that works best for you
    - Outlining very popular
    - Start early so time to outline and leave it for a bit, then come back with “new” eyes.

Where to publish:
- Based on audience you want to see it
  - Generally, feel librarians should try to publish outside library discipline
    - Have faculty in other disciplines run across publications where librarians have supported their work
    - Faculty in other disciplines don’t read library literature

Finding Writing Partners/Projects:
- Generally enjoy working with someone to publish, rather than alone
- Market “librarian skills” to discipline faculty to partner on publications
  - Lit review
  - identifying journals to publish in
  - understanding all of the author and styling guidelines and implementing them
- Write about what you are doing
  - Before implementing that new project, think about how it could be implemented in a systematic way
    - i.e. Changing how a topic is taught via online module
      - Gather data about the current module
      - Be deliberate in how you develop new one in regards to pedagogy, data-informed decisions, etc.
      - Gather data about new module to compare to old
- Utilize “Calls for Proposals”
  - Monitor listservs of sections, SIGs and other topics, blogs, etc.
  - Check journals you aspire to publish in for upcoming special content issues
  - Follow Academic Writing Librarian blog
  - Subscribe to Informed Librarian online