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We started here!

We wanted to identify areas where the present research support services ought to be developed and strengthened at Lund University Libraries (LUB). The reseachers

About their everyday life

LUB is a network consisting of 30 faculty, departmental

and special libraries in Lund, |

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Malmö and Helsingborg.

Using focusgroup interviews gave us the chance to...

... Listen in on how researchers discuss their research process among each other

Who can we ask?

What can they

tell us?

- ... Extract what the researchers find difficult in their everyday life as reseachers
- ... Create a deeper knowledge on what reseachers need and in what context the library's research support service should be developed

Shifting focus:

From a library perspective to a researcher and research process oriented perspective

Shifting back focus:

From a researcher and research process oriented perspective to a library perspective; what can we do to help the researchers? What research support services do they need and when?

We found out:

In order to offer relevant research support services, the librarians must

collaborate with researchers

in order to understand their needs and wishes in relation to their research processes. By doing so librarians are able to better understand the subject areas and knowledge cultures that researchers are active in.

This must be done by being:

- Available

- Visible

- In close proximity to our reseachers

Collaboration for knowledge

The importance for the library to be a partner throughout the research process:

Want to learn more about our project?

Start a research project	Collect material	Process/analyze/write	Communicate results and make data accessible
			Figure 1. A model of the research process (Voog, H., et al. 2013).

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