
Writing about the Impactful Research Appointment

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Today's Discussion



1. Article Topic - Selection
 2. Role of Reflection
 3. Submission Process
 4. Q&A / Open Conversation
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Topic Selection

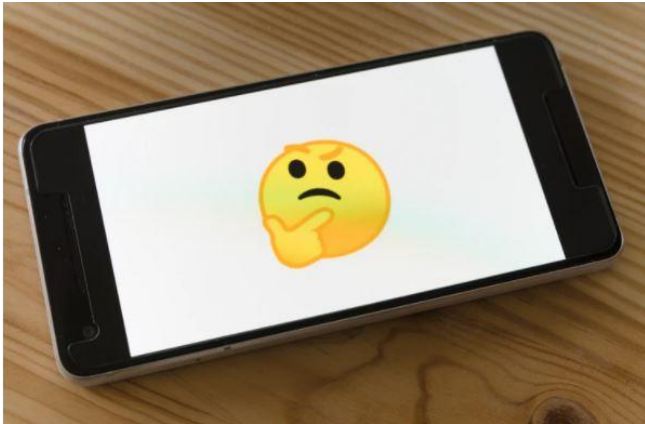
Setting the scene...

- **Spring 2020**
 - 1st academic year as a ref librarian
 - COVID-19 Pandemic hit
- **Reflection**
 - Our profession's value
 - Research Appointment interactions
- **Motivated to write** about research appts.



Time and Patience

*How can my article be unique?
How can I find my own voice?*



(enter: REFLECTION)

- Evaluating past research appts
 - Considering my role
 - Exploring student POV
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Thesis Statement:

“The core weight of the research appointment depends on the librarian’s performance, namely, whether or not they employ interpersonal skills, practice empathy, and build trust. In conjunction with providing adept information literacy guidance, these qualities lay the foundation for a successful research appointment, resulting in the diminishing of a student’s library anxiety and the establishing of community” (Matook, 2020, p. 186).

Expanding My Ideas

Contemplation

Self-evaluation

Driving motto & theme:

Engage in Reflection and Have Perspective

Reflecting on the Librarian's Role

- Self-evaluation
- Librarian's behavior is key
 - *Open, welcoming, responsive*
- "In a comfortable environment that helps to humanize the librarian, the patron will be more likely to fully share the breadth of their research needs" (Matook, 2020, p. 188).
- *Mindfulness...*



Reflecting on the Student's Perspective

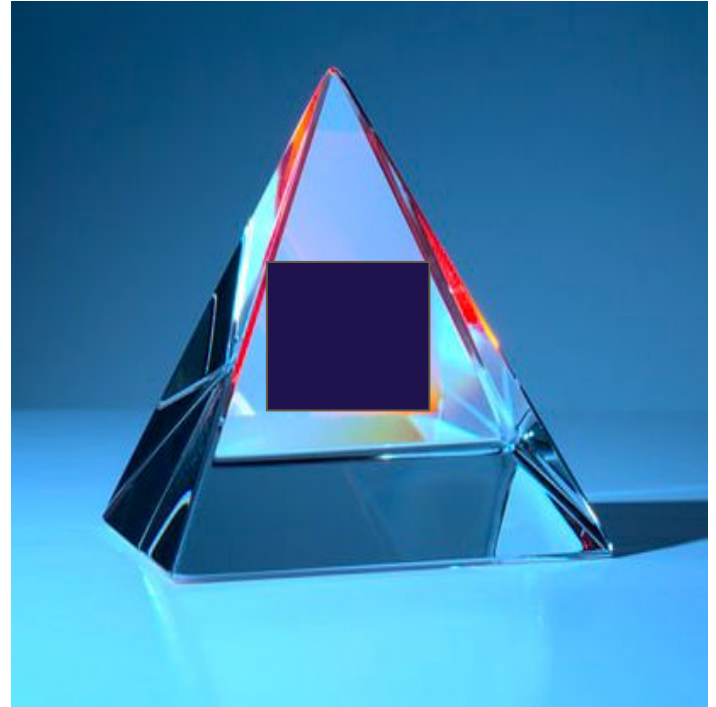
- The Student's POV
 - Library Anxiety & Library Misconceptions
 - COVID-19 stressors
- “Coupled together, research anxiety and library stereotypes inspire feelings of inferiority in the user, especially in the company of the librarian during a research appointment” (Matook, 2020, p. 187).
- Awareness inspires responsive goals



Reflecting Outside The Box

Make reflections more personal to extend ideas...

- Example:
 - Empathy leads to recognition and new appreciation
- “Despite existing on an individual level, research appointments lead to community building, a more accurate understanding of the student perspective, and the identification of common information literacy gaps” (Matook, 2020, p. 194).



Overall...

Reflect
Have Patience
Let your ideas develop



Submission & Editing Process

- *The Reference Librarian* journal
 - Scope / Requirements
- Submission: June 27, 2020
- Peer Review
 - Sep. 8: Minor Revisions
 - Oct. 8: Revisions Accepted
- Published: Nov. 24, 2020



“Thank you!” and Open Discussion

Would anyone like to...

- share their writing experience;
- discuss their writing goals;
- lend advice to new writers?

Q&A

