

Transcript of Online Chat

Anna Svensson: TQuestion to Dan Hazen: From library directors points of view, promoting resources already in the library or resources the library is paying for might be a priority, how can we argue for the need of librarians actively working with material from other institutions, Open Access material, webb resources? Or, from a director's point of view, doing someone else's job? Or maybe even Google's job?

Guest 2: Retention and Respect for future development of those currently in these positions: Let us be aware that there are many area studies librarians with several subject responsibilities, particularly in large public universities. They may or may not have Ph.Ds.. How can administrators initiate efforts to value their Area Studies librarians who may have several subject responsibilities and are working with the interdisciplinarity articulated and supporting the research of the "users"?

Jennifer Schaffner: Jen Schaffner (OCLC Research): That perenial question... 'm wondering about what Dan and other AUL/directors think about Andrew's points about deep domain expertise (PhD), and perceived benefits of that burden of two (expensive) extra years of education? is it worth it, from a director's point of view, both for area studies services and collections? How many directors in the workshop prefer/hire domain expertise? Especially that international and multilingual tech and STEM?