

LIBRES RESEARCH PAPER GUIDELINES

LIBRES accepts manuscript submissions on an ongoing basis.

All manuscripts for consideration in LIBRES should be sent to Dr. Kerry Smith (K.Smith@curtin.edu.au) as email attachments. Preferred format for submissions: .doc compatible (Microsoft Word, etc.)

The language of the journal is English.

Scope of submissions: Manuscripts should report the findings of research that is of interest to an international audience in the field of Library and Information Science. Articles covering a particular research project should engage the international literature on similar situations in other country/ies. The findings should be discussed with similar studies around the globe.

Suggested manuscript length: LIBRES typically considers manuscripts between 2500 and 7500 words in length.

Manuscripts submitted for the **Research and applications (refereed)** section of LIBRES should follow these guidelines and should adhere to the current APA style guide for all other formatting, grammar, and stylistic elements. Authors should look through articles published in LIBRES for examples.

Page 1: (title page): Title, author name(s), affiliation(s), and email address(es); 75-100-word abstract briefly describing the rationale, methodology, results, conclusions and implications; and five author-supplied keywords

Page 2: Title, abstract, and keywords should be repeated at the beginning of the second page. Begin text of the manuscript.

Illustrations, tables, and appendices: Include illustrations, tables, and appendices in the manuscript as they should appear in publication. Please do not include these as separate documents.

Sections: The following sections are common to research papers in Library and Information Science and the article should flow along these lines:

Introduction: What is(are) the reason(s) for writing the paper (or the aims of the research)?

Background and context to the study: What is the approach to the topic, and what is the theoretical approach of the paper? (Could include some relevant literature and definitions of key terms).

Literature review: what does the literature report on the research topic? Have similar studies been carried out? By whom? Where? Why?

Design/methodology/approach: How are the objectives achieved? Include a brief description of how you arrived at the methodology used, and the main method/s used for the study (qualitative or mixed methods of whatever, survey and document collection, examples of research questions, data analysis method...).

Findings: What was found in the course of the work? This will refer to analysis of the results. Any tables and figures included in the text should be clearly set out and numbered sequentially following an easy to understand numbering system, e.g. Table 1, Table 2 ...; Figure 1, Figure 2... and should be described or interpreted in the text.

Discussion: how do your findings relate to what has already been reported on the topic, i.e. the literature review?

Research limitations/implications (if applicable): this section should include suggestions for future research and any identified limitations in the research process. Practical implications (if applicable): what outcomes and implications for practice, applications and consequences are identified? What changes to practice might be made as a result of this research/paper?

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