

Resisting Bibliometrics

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Too much emphasis on bibliometrics as a tool ← feel complicit in this as a librarian

Find researchers ~~then~~ ~~at~~ ~~conducting~~ conducting research on bibliometrics.
Is this critical though?

Problematic to just provide + support another method of cranking numbers.

Need to research the metrics. ← BUT DO SO CRITICALLY!

REF problematic. ← Academics pushing against REF (or critical of it) - librarians need to engage with academics on the REF.

H-index metric problematic.

Just because it is highly cited, doesn't mean it's relevant/quality.

Danger of shaping research around a popular topic ← MASSIVELY PROBLEMATIC

Wakefield/autism article - example of highly cited yet poor research.
Ben Goldacre campaign to publish research.

Who is being cited = how many white men/non-Western/women etc.

Elser et al ← THE BIG PROBLEM (PART OF)

#CanHazRef → Can we point students to alternative means to get copyrighted article.
Can we all just cancel ALL journal subscriptions.

Paraph - methods to prevent open discussion in sessions (thus preventing copyright breach chat)