

Codebook

Information specific to the journals where research about discovery was published

Kind of Journal –Provide one code only. Base code on the journal’s primary area based on title; stated focus (website); recently published articles (website); editorial board (website); etc. If two codes seem equally relevant (e.g., reference and medical libraries) choose the more unique (i.e., medical).

- Reference/public services
- Systems/technology
- Cataloging/tech services
- Academic (generalist)
- General
- Medical
- Management
- Information literacy
- Other (code if none of the other codes describe the journal sufficiently)

Information specific to individual articles

Community of Users –Users can be classes of patrons, librarians, or some other community under study, or technologies used by specific communities of users. Most often, authors will focus on communities or products for the kinds of libraries in which they work.

Provide one code only. Base code on information in the abstract; method; etc.

- Academic (including Special Libraries since all were affiliated with higher education)
- Public
- Children
- Unmentioned/Other/Mixed audiences (appropriate if article is theoretical, for example, or includes more than one community mentioned above)

Method -- Provide as many codes as necessary. Base code information on the abstract and method.

- **Comparative Studies:** comparing two groups of users, two systems, two institutions, etc.
- **Case study:** investigation of a single institution
- **Lit review:** specific method to ascertain what has been assessed in the literature in a particular area; presentation and/or analysis of the literature
- **Survey:** can be combined with another M listed here
- **Theory:** reflective analysis of a problem
- **Usability:** suite of methods to investigate the ease of use of a system; can be combined with another M listed here
- **(Transaction) Log Analysis:** studies of transaction logs or other kinds of recorded activity logs describing prior patron interactions with systems

Results/Discussion -- Provide as many codes as necessary. Base code information on the abstract, results, and discussion. For each, substantive attention must be on the topic, either as a focus or in some way fleshed out beyond cursory mention.

- **Implementation and selection decisions, results and assessment:** reflections on the selection and implementation of a particular DS and/or assessments of the results; assessment of these processes
- **Users:** Any results interested in the use and usability of the DS by any major stakeholder, including patrons and librarians.
- **Branding/marketing:** Branding within the DS or marketing the DS to users
- **Evaluation of the DS as a system:** aspects of the functioning of the DS, features like facets, single search box
- **Indexing:** analysis of problems with creating a central index
- **Theory - no results:** reflective on literature or third-hand knowledge; if an article leaned heavily on theory but still supplied some results, it was co-coded.
- **Instruction:** From a librarian's viewpoint, what changes need to be made to library instruction
- **Effects on operations:** how library operations/departments/areas will change (going forward) in light of the DS