Assessing the impact of a librarians’ journal club

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Where are we?
What about the Journal Club?

5 years
70 papers
37 meetings
What did we want to find out?

IMPACT
What about journal clubs for librarians?


What did we do?

- Literature search
- Journal analysis
- Questionnaires
- Interviews
### Results: Journal Analysis

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<th>Journal title</th>
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### Topics of papers

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Results: Questionnaires - response

81%
Results: Impact

100% - wanted whole team discussion
86%  - for continuing personal development
100% - increased reading of research papers
67%  – developed critical appraisal skills
53%  - improved presentation skills
Results: impact

40% influence decision making within the library

53% impact on library-wide practice

53% influence individual practice
Results: Interviews

• Learn from peers
• Share knowledge
• Stimulus
• Methodological quality of professional literature
What did we learn?

• Library staff read more published research
• Library staff adopt a more critical approach when reading research papers
• Some evidence of developing critical appraisal skills
• Doubts over quality of research in professional literature
• Journal club discussions highly valued
• Very little being put into practice
Limitations
What next?

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