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# Building a community of librarian researchers: What we learned from creating LibParlor

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## Who are we?

- The Librarian Parlor is an online space for conversing, sharing expertise, and asking questions about the process of pursuing, developing, and publishing library research.

## What do we do?

- LibParlor provides a community for new LIS researchers as they consider a research agenda and offers reflections, how-to's, and resources by folks with more experience.

## What's working well?

- Developing internal and external workflow documents
- Reaching out to mentors
- Making our expectations, hopes, and values clear through editorial page
- Setting roles and expectations for each other
- Being confident in our vision
- Reading up on communities of practice
- Collaborating with an established online community (#critlib)
- Highlighting the work of our colleagues
- Expanding our community with Contributing Editors
- Working virtually and asynchronously

## We've grown through some challenges:

- Encouraging busy people to write for the sake of the community and not for tenure
- Ensuring we offer a wide range of perspectives from different types of librarians
- Balancing our excitement for LibParlor with other projects

## What didn't go as planned?

- General feedback form
- Assuming people would just "get" what we were about
- Unclear and unstated roles for team members

## Communication

Slack  
Google Drive  
Twitter

## What's next?

- Collaborate with other research communities
- Reach out beyond Twitter
- Expand our coverage to research by public and special librarians

## Reflecting while Creating

- What is this?
- Why does this matter?
- How could it matter?
- Who does it matter for?
- How do we communicate that?
- Who should we work with?
- How do I do this?
- What are our goals?
- How do we achieve our goals?
- How can we make room for this to evolve over time?

Reflective list created by Thomas Padilla

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Thank you for you to our mentors  
Rachel Gammons  
Kevin Seeber

## What are people saying about LibParlor?

**Beth Daniel Lindsay** @bethdlindsay  
@LibParlor is becoming one of my fave Library things around. Another great post. Thanks!

**The Librarian Parlor** @LibParlor  
Check out our first #LibParlor interview! A conversation between @chelseahinbach & @ginaschless about interdisciplinary research, work-life balance, research agendas, and more! bit.ly/libparlor11

**Liz McGlynn Bellamy** @thelizbrarian  
So this is a total digression, just to say I'm incredibly grateful for fellow libs like Kevin & for #libparlor for blowing open these gates

**Erin Richter-Weikum** @erinrichter  
I loved working with @LibParlor and highly recommend submitting an article proposal! As a new researcher, it is incredibly helpful to learn from others about their experiences and build a support network.

**The Librarian Parlor** @LibParlor  
Have you had an experience where a research project didn't go quite as planned? #LibParlor is interested in sharing your learning moments as equally as your successes. Throw us a proposal so we can chat about it! bit.ly/contribute2ip

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**V. Arellano Douglas** @arellanover  
They're doing great work over at @LibParlor and their editorial process for contributors is excellent. #LOEX2018

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We are loving our time at #loex2018. If you are new-to-research make sure to check us out at libparlor.com. We are trying to demystify the process of conducting, publishing, and presenting research in LIS.

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