Thrilling Tales & Derring Do of Data Librarians & Digital Scholarship

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Thrilling Tales

From Data to the Creation of Meaning
(Joque & Partlo, IASSIST 40, 2014)
“Bringing the humanities to the data conference”

Part I: data as epistemological problem
1. Normalization of data across data sets is labour in a real and material way; takes time and effort
2. We will never be able to completely harmonize data. politics and infrastructure will always intervene
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Part II: data librarian as translator
1. Data services involve literal and metaphorical translation with multiple fluencies (disciplines, formats, methodologies)
2. Data librarians translate between datasets and users. We work among and between cultures of data use that overlap in some ways and not in others.
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- How do we define data services? Digital Scholarship? How do others define them?
- How do we harmonize definitions of data across library units? across the university?
- How might data librarians translate data services into digital scholarship services?
- What stories will convince our communities?
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Far Side cartoon
What we say
What they hear
aka
blah blah blah Ginger
Chicken Chicken Chicken: Chicken Chicken

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Chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken.

1. Chicken

Chicken chicken chicken, chicken chicken chicken chicken, chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken, chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken.

Chicken 1. Chicken chicken chicken. Chicken chicken, chicken chicken (chicken-chicken chicken) chicken chicken-chicken.
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chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken.
Chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken.
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2. Chicken chicken
Chicken chicken chicken, Chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken [1]. Chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken.

Chickens chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken.

3. Chicken
Chicken chicken chicken chicken, Chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken chicken.
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Derring Do: Count Your Chickens, Strut Your Stuff

AIR Teachers’ Guide

Three out of five teachers agree: curiosity is a dangerous thing, especially in students. If you are one of the other two teachers, AIR and mini-AIR can be powerful tools. Choose your favorite AIR-raising article and give copies to your students. The approach is simple. The scientist thinks that he (or she, or whatever), of all people, has discovered something about how the universe behaves. So:

- Is this scientist right – and what does “right” mean, anyway?
- Can you think of even one different explanation that works as well or better?
Thank You


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