

Collaboration between researchers and librarians

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CONCLUSION

Being part of a research project can challenge librarians and increase their knowledge. Building relationships, enhancing professional a better understanding of the research process, publishing, and contributing to both the library and academy are the major benefits of participation in a research project. A collaboration of this kind can be seen as time-consuming but our conclusion is that it is time well spent and a win-win for both parties.

The tasks of academic librarians have changed over the past decades. Previously, there was a strong focus on collection development. Along with the other aspects of the digital development, librarians' duties have changed to providing guidance in the complex world of information. Overall, this has meant a great challenge for librarians.

The aim of the collaboration was to create a database containing all Swedish doctoral dissertations in Nursing Science between 2000 and 2012. This proved to be much more complicated than initially expected as many of the dissertations could not be identified in the Swedish national catalogue (Libris) due to inadequate indexing. Therefore, the database was completed by using a method where article searches in Cinahl and PubMed were cross checked against dissertations – to identify dissertations that referred to any such relevant article.

The identified dissertations were the basis for a new selection aiming to identify dissertations using grounded theory ("GT"). These dissertations were used as the foundation for an article about how GT is used in Swedish dissertations.

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