The Future Of Evidence Based Library & Information Practice?
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“Of” is hardly going to sustain an international movement!
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  – Evidence
    • Research
    • Reflection

Library & Information Practice

Need to Focus on This!
Knowledge Translation!!
Knowledge Translation (KT) - increasing in importance and use in the fields of public health, medicine, and rehabilitation research (Brandt & Pope, 1997; CIHR, 2004; Davis et al., 2003; Glasgow, Lichtenstein, & Marcus, 2003; Jacobson, Butterill, & Goering, 2003; Tingus, Berland, Myklebust, & Sherwood, 2004).

KT - relatively new term used to describe a relatively old problem—the underutilization of evidence-based research in systems of care. Underutilization of evidence-based research often described as a gap between "what is known" and "what is currently done" in practice settings (Davis et al., 2003; Grol, 2000; Grol & Grimshaw, 2003).
A Definition:

- The Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR) defines KT as
  - “the exchange, synthesis, and ethically-sound application of knowledge—within a complex set of interactions among researchers and users—to accelerate the capture of the benefits of research... through......more effective services and products...” (CIHR, 2004).

- Differs from traditional diffusion process - KT is primarily an active and manipulated process that involves "all steps between the creation of new knowledge and its application and use to yield beneficial outcomes for society"
Why Knowledge Translation?

• It doesn’t rely on RCTs
• It doesn’t even rely on Research
• It focuses on what needs to be done and on how to do it
• It can be applied to any intervention/programme/practice
• There is a considerable evidence base around what works and….
• Knowledge Translation is the Information Specialist’s Core Business
• terms such as knowledge transfer (and its subordinate sibling, knowledge translation) misrepresent the tasks that they seek to support. By articulating the complex and contested nature of applied social research, and then highlighting the social and contextual complexities of its use, we can see that other terms may serve us better.
Knowledge Interaction

• “we suggest that 'knowledge interaction' might more appropriately describe the messy engagement of multiple players with diverse sources of knowledge........”

• “While it might be hard to shift the terminology of knowledge transfer in the short term, awareness of its shortcomings can enhance understanding about how social research can have wider impacts”.

In Conclusion:

Evidence Based Practice (and indeed Knowledge Translation) suggest an orderliness that it is neither present, feasible nor desirable.

Knowledge Interaction best reflects our messy real world and conveys genuine partnership.
A Parting Note

- I decided to get out of the way of the young people now entering this field, and will never again lecture, write, or referee anything to do with evidence based….practice. My energies are now devoted to thinking, teaching, and writing about [X], and my new career is as challenging and exhilarating as its predecessors.

- Is redemption possible for the sins of expertness? The only one I know that works requires the systematic retirement of experts……. Surely a lot more people could retire from their fields and turn their intelligence, imagination, and methodological acumen to new problem areas where, having shed most of their prestige and with no prior personal pronouncements to defend, they could enjoy the liberty to argue new evidence and ideas on the latter's merits.
What is the Connection?
EBLIP6, Salford
A Prediction!

• “Roll on 2011 and… the Manchester Meerkat! While addition of meerkats to an inventory of big game animals serves to stretch impossibly the bounds of credulity, it does perhaps reflect that a different paradigm for conference delivery beckons”.

• “Meerkats are extremely social animals with avid curiosities. To survive, meerkats must live in groups for protection...... Each meerkat has an important, role to perform. I sincerely hope, and indeed believe, that a new era of EBLIP as a collective, social phenomenon awaits on the horizon!”
As it's time to Go-Go

Did you hear them
Talking to us
Telling LIS
(Well that's no surprise!)

Did you see them
See right through them
Martin and Hazel Hall
Openness becomes what's all

It doesn't meta synthesise
Splitting hares - Peter Brophy tries
EBLIP is sealed
Fighting talk
Around Peel Hall
We can't stop “them”
Just reflect on them

Selling CISSL
Sausage too!
[Dragged to the Theatre of Dreams
Where Best practices, weaves and schemes]

Does it meta what we say?
With “wicked” problems we all play
EBLIP is sealed
Pay a mind to what Tony Warne(s)
A darker day for libraries dawns
EBLIP is sealed

There's a weapon
We must use
In our defense
Evidence!

When you look at them
Leaf right through them
That's what we'll celebrate
Coz EBLIP6 – was great!!
“Goodbye Salford”
We all cried
“Au Revoir Tony - Kentucky Freud!”
References

