

2C—Copyright, User Rights, and the Role of the Librarian

Librarianship as Repair: Text-Mining and Finding the Value in Fixing Stuff, Leslie Barnes (University of Toronto, presenting), Graeme Slaght (University of Toronto, in absentia).

Using critical concepts from Science and Technology Studies, we rethink librarianship in the midst of emerging technologies and research methodologies, specifically text and data mining (TDM). We apply Steven J. Jackson's concept of repair to the critical practice of academic librarianship, linking repair to infrastructure, copyright, and licensing. With workflows to support faculty TDM projects at University of Toronto Libraries as a case study, we ask whether we should re-envision academic librarianship as maintenance work, and whether this view can help librarians better conceptualize the value of often overlooked modes of labour.