

4A—COLLABORATORY VISIONING: CREATING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE ACADEMIC LIBRARY (PANEL)

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Capitalizing on collaboration opportunities can often be challenging for librarians who may be unaware of or excluded from their institution's new and emerging initiatives. How do librarians make sure that they are in touch with their communities' needs? How do librarians build capacity to support partnerships and make librarian expertise an integral part of collaborative project planning? Three Ryerson librarians will discuss and illustrate how Ryerson University Library has taken advantage of changes in the higher education landscape and seized opportunities to support teaching, course reading support, digital humanities partnerships, emerging technology solutions, and Open Educational Resource support. Our presentation will focus on the changing role of the academic library as libraries move from being repositories of print materials to becoming collaboratories enabling digital scholarship, curricular change, and creative endeavors. We will discuss why libraries and librarians are well-positioned to be the connectors, educators, and advocates in emerging areas.