Demonstrating Library Impact with Data



Amanda E. Standerfer amanda@standerferconsulting.com

Welcome!



• Some basics...

• Some key terms...

Some myths...

Poll

What are your current evaluation practices:

- 1) Have an evaluation framework and use it
- 2) Do some evaluation for specific programs/services
- 3) Do evaluation as required for grants/funders or other stakeholders
- 4) Don't do much or any evaluation



The Logic Model

Goal:	Increase family reading at home after a year of engagement with family literacy programs.	Increase user digital literacy after 2-3 training experiences.
Inputs/Resources:	Staff, money, volunteers, materials, equipment	Staff, money, technology, partners
Activities:	Storytime, early childhood fair, board books	Classes, video tutorials, one-on-one assistance
Audience/Target:	Pre-K children, caregivers, siblings	Adult library users
Outputs:	# of sessions, # attended, # of partners, circulation	eResource usage, # of classes, # attending classes, # of tutorial views, # of one-on-one sessions
Short-Term:		
Medium-Term:		
Long-Term:		
Assumptions:	No reading habits at home. People value reading and literacy.	People want to use digital content, but are intimidated. Adults need appropriate digital literacy.
External Factors:	Time, money, access to library, transportation	Time, fear, lack awareness



Setting targets

Outcomes

- Metrics/Data
 - Quantitative vs Qualitative

Goal:	Increase family reading at home after a year of engagement with family literacy programs.	Increase user digital literacy after 2-3 training experiences.
Short- Term:	-Increased awareness of collection -Increased positive attitude towards family reading -Awareness of services offered -Motivation to use a service Metrics: Pre-/Post-Survey, Partner survey	-Increase in knowledge of eResources -Increased motivation to use eResources -Increase in skills to use eResources Metrics: Pre-/Post-Survey, Skills quiz
Medium- Term:		
Long- Term:		

Goal:	Increase family reading at home after a year of engagement with family literacy programs.	Increase user digital literacy after 2-3 training experiences.
Short- Term:		
Medium -Term:	-Increased minutes read at home -More books in the home -More trips to the library -Increased collaboration	-Increase in eResources statistics -Increase in recommending library to others
	Metrics: User survey, Partner survey	Metrics: User survey
Long- Term:		

Goal:	Increase family reading at home after a year of engagement with family literacy programs.	Increase user digital literacy after 2-3 training experiences.
Short- Term:		
Medium- Term:		
Long- Term:	-Increase in Pre-K reading scores -Increase in success at school -More nonprofit collaboration -Increased literacy programs for community Metrics: Reading scores, focus groups,	-Increase in use of digital services -Increase in quality of life -Increase in success in school Metrics: User survey, focus groups
	partner/community survey	

Goal:	Increase family reading at home after a year of engagement with family literacy programs.	Increase user digital literacy after 2-3 training experiences.
Short- Term:	-Increased awareness of collection -Increased positive attitude towards family reading -Awareness of services offered -Motivation to use a service Metrics: Pre-/Post-Survey, Partner survey	-Increase in knowledge of eResources -Increased motivation to use eResources -Increase in skills to use eResources Metrics: Pre-/Post-Survey, Skills quiz
Medium- Term:	-Increased minutes read at home -More books in the home -More trips to the library -Increased collaboration Metrics: User survey, Partner survey	-Increase in eResources statistics -Increase in recommending library to others Metrics: User survey
Long- Term:	-Increase in Pre-K reading scores -Increase in success at school -More nonprofit collaboration -Increased literacy programs for community Metrics: Reading scores, focus groups, partner/community survey	-Increase in use of digital services -Increase in quality of life -Increase in success in school Metrics: User survey, focus groups



Analyze and Report

Using your logic model

- What you wanted to do…
- What you actually did...
- So what?

Audience

Report Examples:

- United Waitakere Library Evaluation Report
- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
- UNLV University Libraries



Action and Improvement

Lessons learned

- Interpret results and make recommendations
 - What didn't happen? Fixable?
 - What did happen? Fixable?
 - How close did you get?
 - Did you achieve a valuable Y instead of X?
 - What will you do differently?

Report Examples:

- Free Library of Philadelphia
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- FVRL Library Live and On Tour

Wrap Up

Q & A

Where to find me:

Twitter: @FFLibraries

www.fastforwardlibraries.com

amanda@standerferconsulting.com





This webinar is part of the Data Informed Public Libraries (DIPL) initiative sponsored by the California State Library and implemented by Infopeople. This project is supported in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act.