Open Data in Context: Balancing the Benefits of Openness

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The growing interest in open data is borne of its perceived capacity to enhance transparency, accountability, and to strengthen democracy. Arriving on the heels of the open access movement and the creative commons licensing revolution, the open data movement, spearheaded by strong initiatives such as Open Science, serves as a marker for communicating a broader responsibility to the global public good.

In the library sphere, data is seen as the collection of the future. While the Library of Congress has made a remarkable contribution through the archiving of tweets, academic libraries across the world are engaging with web archiving as a means of building their collections. This talk will explore open data from a variety of viewpoints, touching on its affordances but also addressing issues of authorship, privacy, ethics, consent and information justice.

Joy Kirchner is the Dean of Libraries at York University. A new Libraries strategic plan and an organizational restructuring plan has been launched to reinforce the Libraries’ expertise in digital scholarship, data and repository infrastructure, scholarly communications and research in alignment with the University’s academic plan and its research intensification priority. Joy is the chair of the campus-wide Steering Committee on Open Access and Open Data; she is the chair of the Canadian Association of Research Libraries Advancing Research Committee, and she has a long history of providing consultation to other North American institutions on advancing open access policies and programs. Prior to this position Joy was the Associate University Librarian for Content & Collections at the University of Minnesota and she was the head of UBC’s Scholarly Communication & Copyright office. Her current research and scholarship is focused on building collaborative networks to advance, resource and provision emergent areas in digital scholarship.

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