



# From Stories to Data

## A Canadian School Libraries Research Clinic

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9:00 – 4:00

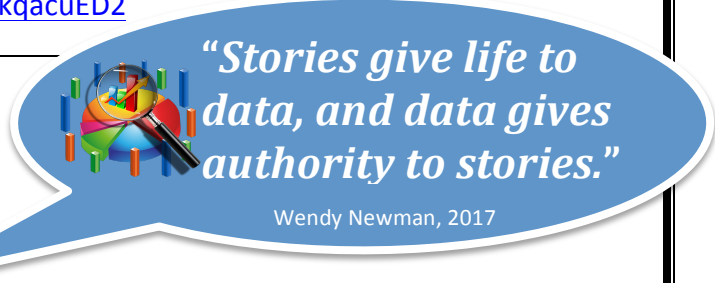
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*"You should write that up!"* How often do we hear that when we share our success stories, but how often do we react with fear and uncertainty. We understand the need for research into effective practices in the school library learning commons and we see the success of our own instructional strategies. But when it comes to translating those success stories into sound research data, we lose confidence.



*"Stories give life to data, and data gives authority to stories."*

Wendy Newman, 2017

The goal of this clinic is to learn how to integrate research into practice. Starting with what we already know and do through collaborative teacher inquiry, we will explore strategies and tools for assessing the outcomes and impact of the school library learning commons program. Through a hands-on approach, we will learn the basics of research: ethics, collecting and analyzing qualitative and quantitative data and reporting findings, using real data from the DDSB project, *Creating 21c Library Learning Commons Spaces*. By the end of the day, the DDSB will have everything it needs to "write up" their research, and we will all leave with a deeper understanding of how we can integrate research into practice, and enrich professional knowledge into school library learning commons practice in Canada.

**Facilitators:** Anita Brooks Kirkland & Carol Koechlin, Canadian School Libraries  
Richard Reid, Durham District School Board

**Special Guest Research Clinician:** Kim Silk, Principal Consultant, BrightSail Research



**Kimberly Silk** is a librarian with a background in academic and data librarianship and a passion for conducting research to evaluate how libraries impact their communities.

She is co-author of ["So Much More: The Economic Impact of Toronto Public Library on the City of Toronto,"](#) published in 2013 and the first library economic impact study of its kind in Canada. As Principal Consultant of [BrightSail Research](#), she continues to work with public libraries across Canada to extend this methodology. In 2014 she created the [Library Research Network](#), a not-for-profit, curated, web-based repository of research relevant to public, academic, government and special libraries. Her most recent collaboration with Dr. Bill Irwin, ["Creating a Culture of Evaluation: Taking Your Library from Talk to Action"](#), was published by OLA Press in April 2017.

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