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A Collaborative Platform for Sharing Knowledge and Developing Best Practices to Support Research Data in Libraries

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The model for the DataQ site

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In addition to the creation of a dynamic, interactive website with research data questions and peer-reviewed answers and other support content, the DataQ project will facilitate the development of a network of librarians supporting research data. This community includes the following groups:

- Advisory Board
- Editorial Board
- Project Volunteers
- Library Community