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BU’s Study Group: Partners in Learning

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We started this project to:

• build a community around open science and computational research
• establish relationships with researchers in the sciences
• increase awareness of new library services
• and learn about the technologies researchers are using on campus

Both the Mozilla Science Lab and the BU Libraries are deeply engaged with making knowledge and research open and accessible. The Mozilla Science Lab helps “scientists and researchers to work openly and do better research, more research, and make that research more useful by sharing it widely.”[1] The BU Libraries “are responsible for not only the curation and dissemination of information, but facilitating learning and knowledge creation.”[2] We think this partnership helps both parties accomplish their mission.

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Conclusion

We have found our partnership to be an effective way to

• establish relationships with researchers in the sciences
• learn new technologies
• promote open science initiatives
• and improve the libraries’ perception on campus.

We also believe this model can be reproduced at other institutions.

References