

Exercise #5

Share a Reference Database

In this exercise you will talk to another workshop participant about a reference database that you use in your work.

Working with a new partner, take turns discussing a reference database that you find to be a valuable reference tool.

1. Start by answering the following questions about your chosen database:
 - a. When and with whom is it useful?
 - b. What are the pros of this product?
 - c. What are the cons?
 - d. Do you prefer it over a similar product that your library owns? Why?
 - e. If you could change one thing about the product, what would it be?
 - f. Is this resource widely used at your library?
 - If not widely used, why not?
 - Is there anything you could do to encourage greater use in your library?
2. Go to your library's website and spend a few minutes demonstrating the product to your partner.

Make sure both parties get a chance to discuss a database of their choice.