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SOWING SEEDS
Adapting Digital Curation for Trinity University
“Data Curation is the active and ongoing management of data through its lifecycle of interest and usefulness to scholarship, science, and education.”

PREPARATION
Library Working Group
• Science Librarians
• University Archivist
• Head of Discovery Services

Departmental Collaboration
• Coordinator of Research Programs

Faculty
• Cross-disciplinary Focus Groups

DATA SUPPORT SERVICES
- Data Management Plan (DMP) Writing and Consultation
- Institutional Repository for ‘Homeless’ Data
- Data Management Education
- Additional Projects on a Case-by-Case Basis

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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. (2012). “Specialization in Data Curation.” http://www1.lib.illinois.edu/academics/programs/pic/education/data_curation

GREEN SHOOTS
Trained Liaison Librarians to Engage Faculty on Data-related Issues
Edited DMP for Chemistry Faculty
Written into Biology Faculty Grant to Create Hormone Database
Investigated and Recommended Digital Storage Options for Faculty
Disseminated Services to Campus

FUTURE GROWTH
• Data Management Training for Student Researchers
• Confocal Microscopy Data to be Stored in Digital Commons @ Trinity (bepress)
• Mellon-funded Digital Humanities Projects