



The **Research and Analytics Committee (RAC)** is a standing committee that develops and oversees ARL's role in describing the contributions of libraries to research, teaching, learning, and community service as captured through outcomes assessment. This program develops new analytics that are responsible to the changing roles and needs of ARL members while also maintaining longitudinal and comparative peer data. A primary goal is to empower agile and dynamic decision-making by members through the mining and use of timely and relevant data in new ways that will enable integration with other data used by parent institutions and professional organizations. Key concerns include demonstrating the value and cost effectiveness of library resources and services in ways promoting alignment with institutional outcomes. The RAC connects with other statistical and assessment entities that generate university rankings, provide benchmarks, identify resource strengths and weaknesses, monitor organizational performance, and measure changes in library direction and involvement. The committee also supports ARL's internal assessment and evaluation processes.
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