

# Aligning 21st Century Skills Across Publishing Communities

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# Background

- Interviews with 11 industry leaders from across sectors (university presses, libraries, commercial publishers)
- Environmental scan of current training opportunities
  - Degree programs
  - Summer or intensive programs
  - Workshops sponsored by professional organizations
  - On-line or distance education
  - In-house training
  - Internships

# Findings

- **Core knowledge and skills**
  - Scholarly publishing and academic context
  - Soft skills (problem solving, networking)
  - Business planning
  - Technology and workflows
  - Editorial and acquisitions
- **Productive pathways forward**
  - Holistic approach
  - Cross-sector contact
  - Hands-on experience
  - Timeliness and modularity

# Library-as-Publisher: Capacity Building for the Library Publishing Subfield

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## Introduction

The role of publisher is increasingly assumed by academic and research libraries, usually inspired by campus-based demands for digital publishing platforms to support e-journals, conference proceedings, technical reports, and database-driven websites. Although publishing is compatible with librarians' traditional strengths, there are additional skill sets that library publishers must master in order to provide robust publishing services to their academic communities.

To help library publishing services mature into a consistent field of practice, practitioners in this growing publishing subfield

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