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Evidence Synthesis: Beyond the Systematic Review

The Medical Library Association Books Panel is seeking author(s) and/or editor(s) for a book related to evidence syntheses, Evidence syntheses: beyond the systematic review. The chapters in this book will provide an overview of evidence syntheses including, but not limited to, the systematic review. This book will provide a how-to guide for anyone who works with clinicians, students, and researchers who are interested in writing or interpreting knowledge syntheses of all kinds. While the contents of this book will be most applicable for health sciences librarians, librarians in other disciplines working within the evidence synthesis domain will still find value in many chapters.

Possible chapter topics include:

- Introduction to evidence syntheses
- Moving beyond the systematic review
- Evidence syntheses in the classroom or as class assignments
- Writing and supporting strong literature reviews
- Supporting researchers writing common review types (scoping, umbrella, narrative, etc).
- What type of review is this? Introducing uncommon evidence syntheses
- But I’m not an expert in this!: supporting researchers writing uncommon review types
- Critical appraisal of uncommon evidence syntheses
- Evidence syntheses in non-healthcare disciplines
- Advocacy for the librarian’s role
- Training and resources

Please consider the list above as a jumping-off point rather than a prescriptive list.

You may write the book by yourself or edit the book and seek contributions from other librarians or information professionals. We describe the submission process at Publish a Book with MLA. To begin the process, submit your completed Step One form to Katie Arnold at MLA. If the Step One is approved by the MLA Books Panel and copublisher, you will be asked to submit a Step Two. If you have questions about serving as the editor or the author of the entire volume, please contact Jamie Birkner. We cannot consider contributions of individual chapters at this time.

Do you have an idea for a book on a topic other than evidence syntheses? The Books Panel welcomes proposals on any topic likely to be of interest to health sciences librarians; simply fill in the Step One form and submit it to Katie Arnold. More information on the publication process is available at Publish a Book with MLA.