

# Library Carpentry

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# The Carpentry Way

Software and Data Carpentry.

Scientists are not taught to write, debug,  
install and maintain software.

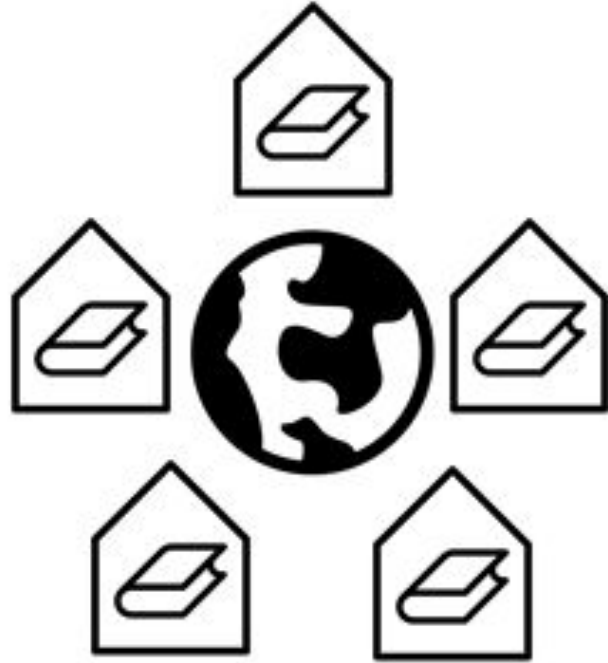
Show, not tell

Establish a practical working environment

Aimed at early postgrad



# What Libraries did, and what they are going to do



# Library Carpentry

New and Evolving Curriculum

Different needs - for working librarians, not students

Active experience rather than passive training

Mixture of database (SQL), programming (Python), data cleansing (Open Refine) and maintenance.

Challenging environment (access to tools)



# Interested? How to become an instructor

Attend a Carpentries event

Certification process, excellent ‘train the trainer’

# Library Carpentry at the University of Otago

How to implement this method of software skills training - the Otago experience.

... But is Library Carpentry helpful?!





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## Research Support Unit: Home

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The Research Support Unit (RSU) is a dedicated team of librarians within the University of Otago Library.

The focus of the RSU is:

- to understand the changing scholarly landscape and work with researchers to exploit digital potentials which enhance research outcomes;
- to facilitate the development of tools, resources and services which support both established and emerging researchers;
- to work towards research solutions in partnership with other Otago support services, as appropriate.

The projects shown below illustrate where the Library has been active in partnership with researchers. If you have a project or potential project that could benefit from Library support, please visit the [Request Research Support](#) page.

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## Library projects supporting research and researchers

### Library managed projects



[ORCID at Otago](#)

Supporting the promotion of the NZ ORCID Hub at the University of Otago.

### Researcher initiated projects - Library managed



[OUR Journals Service](#)

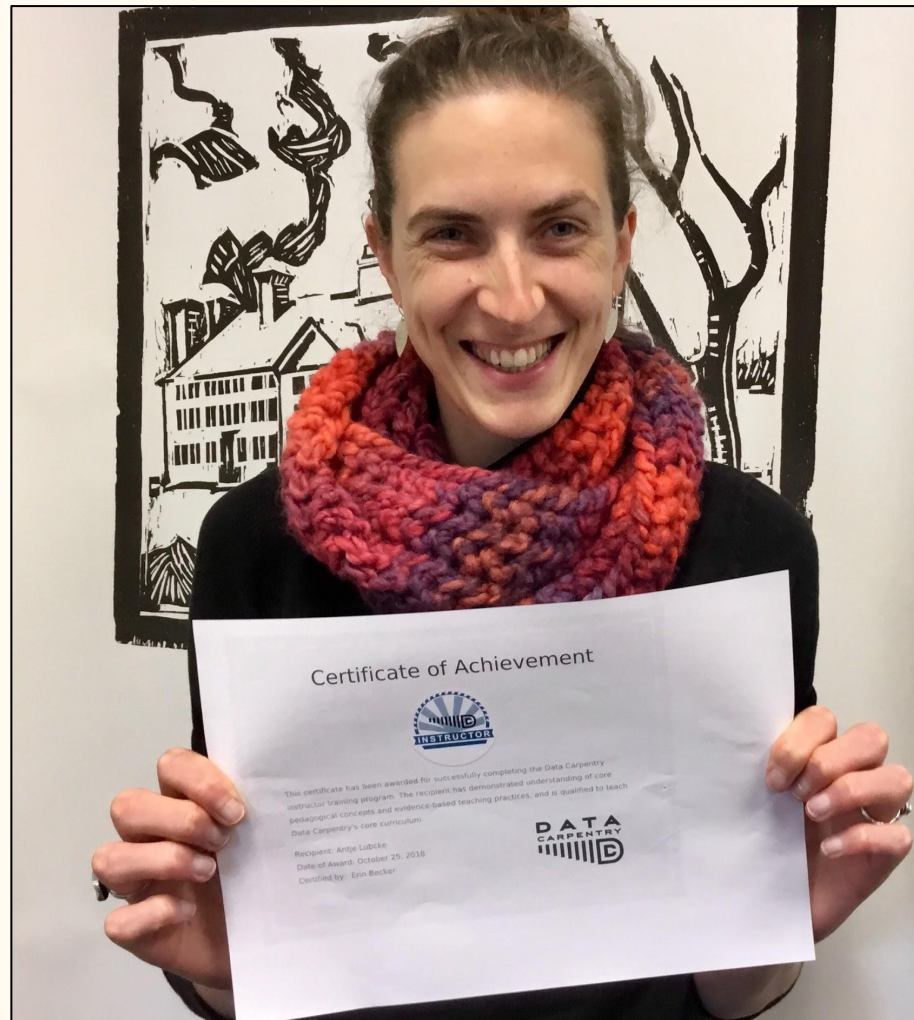
The OUR Journals service (OJS) supports Otago academic staff with making scholarly research available online.

### Researcher initiated projects - Library as advisor



[Health communication data management](#)

Working with the ARCH research group towards more automated management of qualitative health data within an online repository.





# library Carpentry

Software and data skills for  
people working in library- and  
information-related roles

**Belinda Weaver** @cloudaus · 11 Jul 2018

Just some of the great learners I engaged with for @LibCarpentry NZ roadshow at Otago, Massey + Auckland unis. No pix of U Canterbury learners, boo hoo. But all groups worked hard. Thanks to all for coming. Thanks @UniversitiesNZ for funding.



## What we do

Library Carpentry develops lessons and teaches workshops for and with people working in library- and information-related roles. Our goal is to create an on-ramp to empower this community to use software and data in their own work as well as be advocates for and train others in efficient, effective and reproducible data and software practices. Our workshops are based on **our lessons**. Workshop hosts, Instructors, and learners must be prepared to follow The Carpentries **Code of Conduct**.

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## Who we are

We are a diverse, global community of **volunteers**. Our community includes Instructors, helpers, Trainers, **Maintainers**, **Mentors**, community champions, **member organisations**, supporters, workshop organisers, and **staff**. Library Carpentry is guided by a **Governance Group** and a **Curriculum Advisory Committee**. Our **audience** are primarily people working in library- and information-related roles.

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## Get involved

See all the **ways you can engage** and **get involved** with Library Carpentry. Follow us on **Twitter**.

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# How do I implement this method of software skills training at my library/uni ...?

Get involved in ResBaz events.

Give Anton a call to organise a LC workshop (check out LC website/lessons).

Look into becoming an instructor yourself (go to Carpentries website).

## So ... is Library Carpentry helpful?!

Try it out, get involved or watch this space...

“As librarians and software skills are both vital components of world-class research, Library Carpentry is a timely intervention into the role of librarians in the research lifecycle.”

\* Baker, J. , Moore, C., et al. (2016). “Library Carpentry: software skills training for library professionals.” *Liber Quarterly* 26(3), p. 160. doi: 10.18352/lq.10176