



Lorraine Beard

Biography of Lorraine Beard

Lorraine is responsible for leading a team which manages and develops the Library's eLibrary infrastructure, digitisation infrastructure, the Library Management System and the Institutional Repository. Lorraine is a member of both the Library Leadership Team and the IT Leadership Team for the University of Manchester and in these roles has been involved in the development of the Library and IT Strategies for the University. Recently Lorraine has been closely involved in improving the user experience at Manchester by implementing a new LMS and developing a research data management service. She has also led the development of the Library's digitisation strategy and led the team which has developed the University's institutional repository, Manchester eScholar, which is now one of the largest in the UK. She is also the Library's lead on innovation, and has led a number of new projects and services emerging from this including the Eureka innovation challenge competition and gamification.

Lorraine has had various roles in academic libraries over the last 18 years, including Faculty Librarian and Electronic Resources Librarian. Before pursuing a career in libraries, Lorraine worked for several years in biological sciences research, after finishing her degree in biology at the University of Manchester.