Five starter steps for research libraries

1. Prepare a use case for management
   Many argue that the value of the journal article will decrease as the value of available research data increases over the next few years. The library must adapt to remain relevant. The library brings skills and expertise to the table.

2. Get to know the landscape
   - Funding body requirements
   - Internal and external repositories
   - Talk to Research Data Services teams at other libraries and discover their opportunities and challenges

3. Coordinate the stakeholders
   The library is well positioned to play a leadership role.

4. Adapt current skills to research data management
   - Preservation
   - Curation & Description
   - Access
   - Index data for cross-repository search
   - Investigate tools for data storage, retrieval and processing
   - Develop guidelines and workflows
   - Create usage reports
   - Add metadata layer to repository

5. Initiate a pilot project
   - Funding agencies want to improve access to and reproducibility of research, and are implementing requirements for data storage, curation and sharing. Here are 5 steps libraries can take to become partners in research data management.

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