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Brain-Work: The C-EBLIP Blog

<https://words.usask.ca/ceblipblog/>

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This blog, run out of the University of Saskatchewan's *Centre for Evidence Based Library and Information Practice* (C-EBLIP), delivers short, inspirational pieces written by librarian researchers from around the world. Musings range from writer's block, to the fleshing out of initial research ideas, to result summaries from forthcoming articles, and more. Each week delivers a different aspect of the joys and struggles of being a practitioner-researcher. The informal, exploratory nature of the posts make for quick reading and a safe space to exchange ideas.

A quick look at the contributors page notes about 25 current contributors on the roster from across Canada and around the world, all practicing academic librarians. This wide range of experience and location offers a rich diversity of voices and experiences, all incredibly interesting and topical.

Recent topics include research ethics, the experience of a fairly new librarian, discussions coming out of a journal club reading, instructional strategies, research collaborations, and a Wikipedia edit-a-thon. Posts are released weekly. Comments responding to the posts are fairly rare, but thoughtful when they do appear. One gets the sense of a group of friends sharing

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experiences, successes, failures, and frustrations over coffee in a very supportive atmosphere – even though it’s likely that many of the contributors have never met in real life. They welcome applications for new contributors, which entails a two-year commitment.

In short:

For a quick hit of research inspiration in a friendly, supportive atmosphere, check out Brain-Work.

Highly Recommended.