

Dr. Matthew Covey comes to Rockefeller University from Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (CSHL), where he was the Science Informationist at the CSHL Library and Archives.

Matt comes to the Library via a non-traditional route. He received his PhD in Anatomy and Structural Biology from the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand where he studied the effects of various treatment modalities on the severity of brain damage after a hypoxic-ischemic event in pre-term and term infants before going on to do postdoctoral work examining the response of sub-ventricular zone stem cells to a hypoxic-ischemic event and the regulation of neuronal development. It was during his second postdoc that he became more interested in the issues surrounding data management, data sharing and re-use, as well as scholarly publishing and Open Science, and began to pursue opportunities where those issues could be addressed.

After joining the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Library and Archives in 2012 Matt was involved in and led the ongoing development and curation of the CSHL Institutional Repository. It now houses not only publications but also datasets and other items of interest. Additionally, he was involved in the development of a Data Management policy at CSHL, and in connection with this policy, in ensuring that the faculty and staff at the institution were well-trained and had access to resources that supported the ability to conduct impactful science. While at the Library, Matt worked directly with research labs and the NCI designated Cancer Center at CSHL to streamline data management and the publications reporting processes. He also received an NLM Administrative Supplement for Informationist Services in NIH-funded Research Projects grant to work with Pavel Osten on the development of a system to better share large scale microscopy data with both internal and external collaborators and enhance the accessibility of the collected data.

Matt is also enthusiastic about the opportunity to work with his new colleagues to support scientific outreach. While at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. Matt worked with a local education provider to develop a science journal club for High School students. Over the course of 2 years, this program has given nearly 50 students the chance to meet scientists, learn how to find relevant information, critically evaluate published research and present those papers to their peers.

In joining Rockefeller as the University Librarian at the Rita and Frits Markus Library, Matt is excited to build upon the proud history of the Library, and to revitalize the Library's role in supporting the university's research. He looks forward to meeting the faculty and staff in order to learn how the Library can best serve the community through the development of new services and programs that support Rockefeller's mission of conducting science for the benefit of humanity.