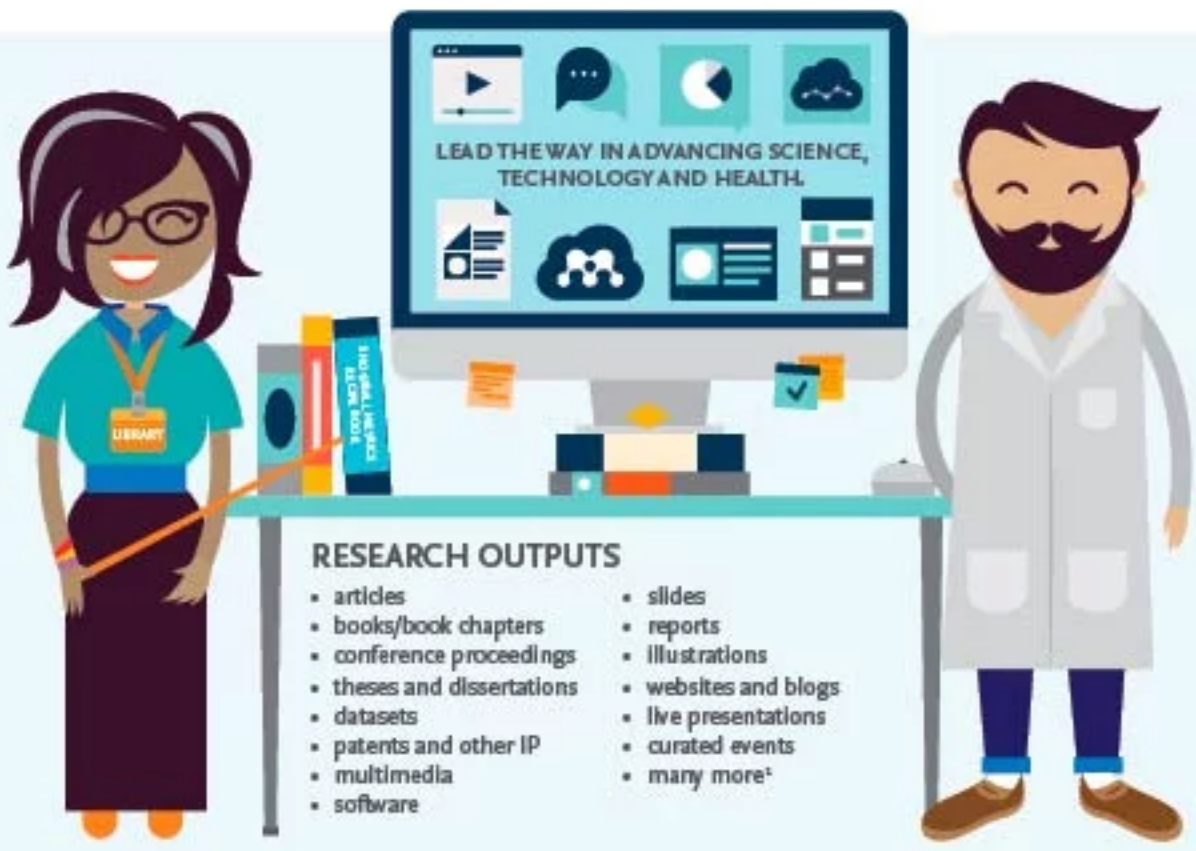
LIBRARIANS AND RESEARCH IMPACT

A story of measurement, insights and action

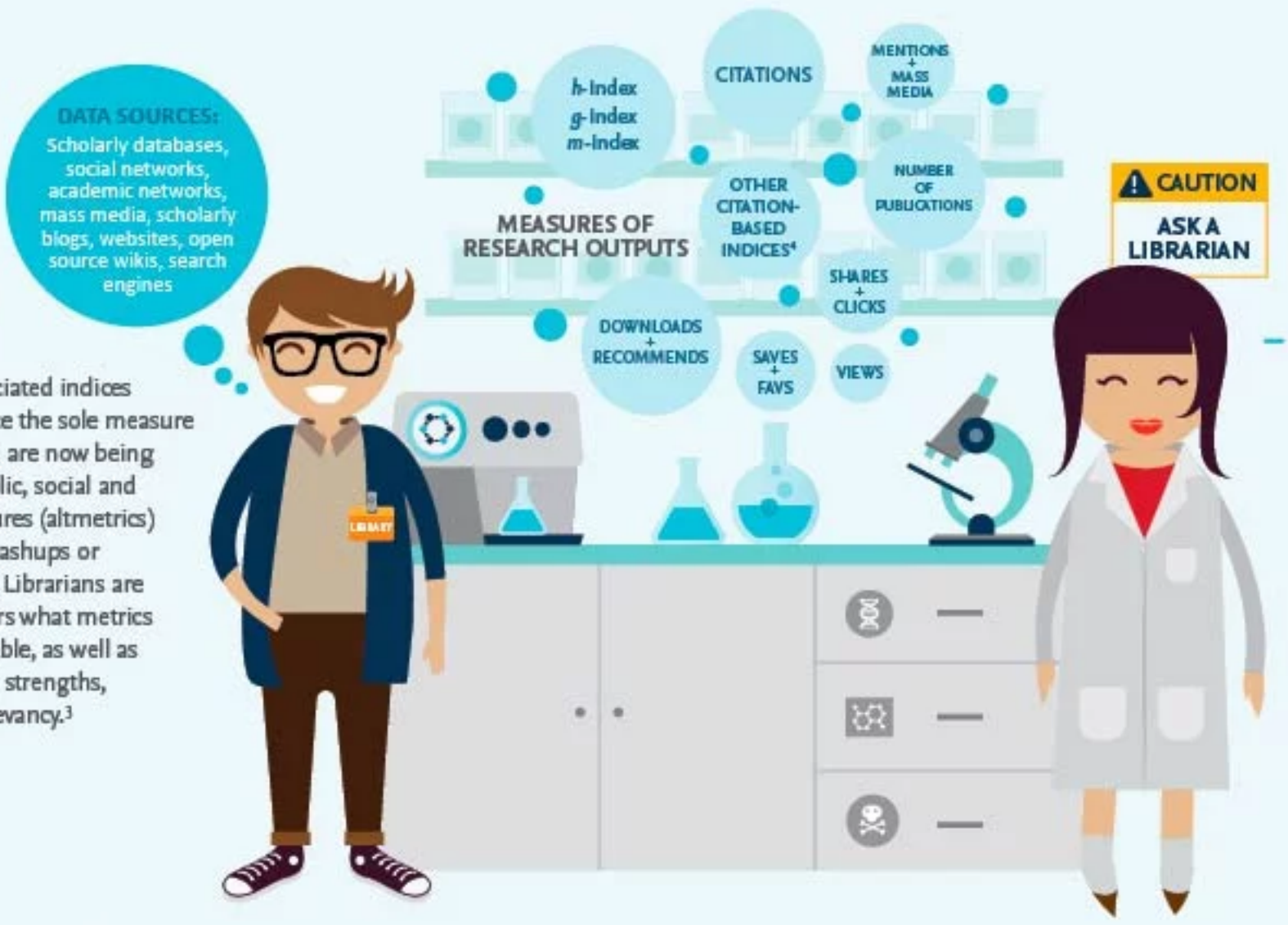


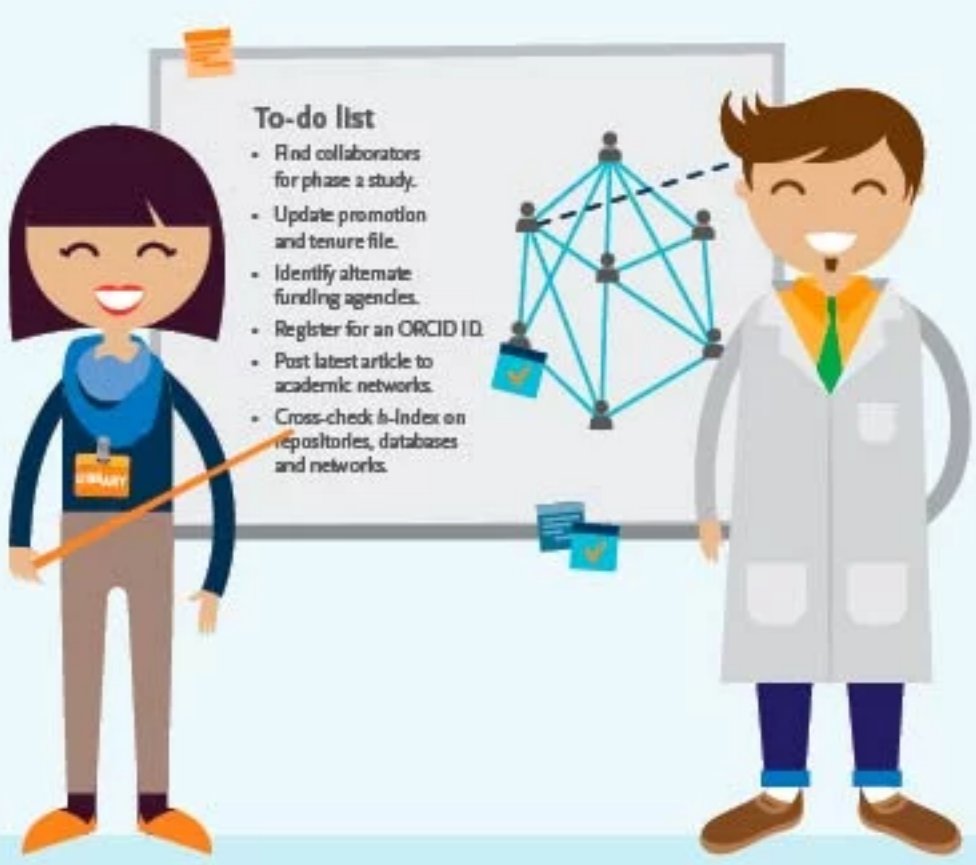
BEYOND BOOKS AND ARTICLES

Though scholarly publishing is still the primary measure of academic research, other forms of output are now more widely recognized, described in repositories and included in assessments. Librarians and information professionals are helping to raise awareness of the breadth of outputs and systems for tracking these new measures.[2]

BEYOND CITATION COUNTS

Citations and associated indices (bibliometrics), once the sole measure of research impact, are now being augmented by public, social and mass media measures (altmetrics) in do-it-yourself mashups or prepackaged tools. Librarians are showing researchers what metrics and tools are available, as well as how to assess their strengths, limitations and relevancy.[3]





BEYOND TENURE DECISIONS

Researchers can apply such evidence to influence collaboration, funding and promotional opportunities. Librarians are working with researchers on raising the visibility and impact of their research and enhancing research and career opportunities, and with the research office on performance measurement and quality assessment activities.[5]

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