

## **Appendix A: Lessons Learned**

### **Data Displays**

In 2025, the data displays were a late addition to the program. We were able to take advantage of existing resources at the main campus library and hosted the physical displays solely within that unit. Given the success we saw with student engagement, in 2026 we intend to create displays that can easily be repeated in a variety of locations. In particular, our medical school library resources are distributed across the state, consisting of a primarily e-resource-oriented campus site and several clinical locations. Our goal is to work within these space constraints with at least one small scale display that can be set up in a clinical site and duplicated at the main campus library and law library.

### **Data Visualization Contest**

In 2025 we found out that a graphic design professor had crafted a class assignment around the contest when she shared that information with us during our award session. For 2026, we plan to work with that same professor for a more intentional integration into her syllabus, supporting the assignment by offering a pre-curated series of themed datasets to enable the assignment to focus more on creating the visualization rather than requiring students to gather data as a prerequisite. Additionally, we'll be expanding our workshop program to include a practical session demonstrating digital tools for creating data visualizations.

### **Funding Model**

Due to a variety of funding constraints in 2025, the Love Data Week program was primarily funded through the main campus library and medical school library. We hope the demonstrated success of the initial program will motivate all partners to make an evidence-based case for contributing funding in 2026.

### **Interlibrary Programming Committee**

The interlibrary programming committee came out of conversations initially started independently of the Love Data Week program. Three librarians from the main campus and medical school were interested in sharing knowledge around outreach programming. A member of the Love Data Week team was part of this group, leading to both groups identifying the opportunity to support each other through partnering. The colleagues in the interlibrary team worked with the Love Data Week program committee to identify colleagues in the law library and environmental research center interested in supporting further shared programming. We moved to formalize the interlibrary programming committee after completing the 2025 Love Data Week program. In 2026, the interlibrary programming committee intends to serve as an overarching support group and communications hub for shared programming teams across the university libraries, one of which will be the Love Data Week committee.