

Introducing our Editorial Board



STEVE SHARP

Steve Sharp has spent the last 12 years working in the academic library sector. He is currently SABER Team Leader at Leeds University, with responsibility for staff in serials, binding, book and e-book purchasing and management.

After graduating in Librarianship and Information Science at the (then) Newcastle Polytechnic in 1987, Steve spent seven years working for Waterstone's booksellers, followed by a stint in banking, before taking up his first library post as a retrospective cataloguer at Leeds University, converting the old slip catalogue entries into full bibliographic entries on the new library OPAC. From here he moved half-time into book acquisitions, before becoming full-time Acquisitions Team Leader. Shortly afterwards, his role was merged with that of the Serials & Binding Team Leader, giving him responsibility for the acquisition and management of both serials and books.

Steve has led the SABER Team since 2001 and has been shaping it to meet the changing needs of

both library users and the information environment. With greater emphasis now on the electronic format, Steve has worked with suppliers and colleagues to integrate e-book ordering into mainstream work processes, and chairs the E-Books Group at Leeds University.

For a number of years, Steve has also been active within the NEYAL (North East and Yorkshire Academic Libraries) Consortium, serving on both the book and journals purchasing groups, responsible for consortial tendering for book, serial and binding supply for all 22 member institutions.

Steve has represented Leeds University at the UKSG conference for a number of years, and members may recognize him for his regular contribution on the dance floor following the conference dinners! He also regularly exhibits an extensive knowledge of amazingly useful subject areas in the (in)famous UKSG quiz. Specialist subjects include inane 70s disco music, Eurovision Song Contest entries, and ancient Egyptian and Greek mythology.