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Scholarly and Research Communication (SRC) is pleased to publish two very different articles on the general field of altmetrics. The first is an analysis of the activities of a very interesting company called Digital Science by a most informed and perceptive journal publishing professional and analyst, Kent Anderson. Anderson is a former publisher of a variety of prestigious journals, including the New England Journal of Medicine. He is also a past president of the Society of Scholarly Publishing (SSP) in the United States. During his time as president of the SSP, he founded the blog The Scholarly Kitchen and contributed to it frequently over the years. He founded and is CEO of the start-up RedLink, a company that helps both librarians and publishers see usage details, and he founded Caldera Publishing Solutions. Currently, he maintains an e-newsletter called "The Geyser: Hot Takes and Deep Thinking." While many journals are aware of at least some of Digital Science's initiatives, SRC thought that it could provide a useful service by obtaining a third-party description of its various initiatives and how they knit together. Who better to ask than Anderson? His article is a tribute to his knowledge, energy, and insight.

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From breadth to fine focus

The second article, written by Ashley Taylor (Archivist) and Lauren Collister (Director of Scholarly Communications and Publishing at the University of Pittsburgh), deals with the value that can be added to the digital archives of scholarly publications beyond their primary role, especially in science, which can be measured in citations

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and the contribution an article makes to discourse in the field. It reveals, by means of some telling examples, how archivists have increased the interactions of users with archives by contributing to ongoing conversations that touch on their collections. It is well worth a read.

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