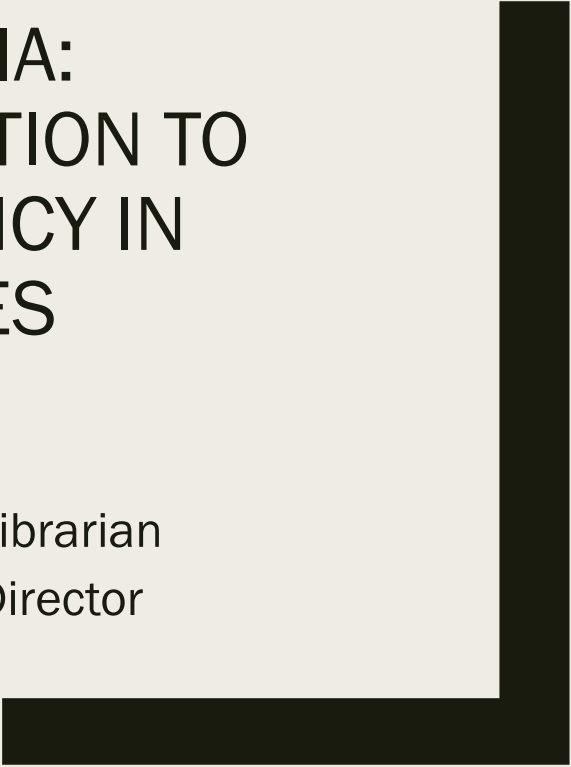


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Torrey, E.F., Simmons, W., & Wolken, R.H. (2015). Is childhood cat ownership a risk factor for schizophrenia later in life? *Schizophrenia Research*, 165(1), 1-2.

- Method: Questionnaires from 1982 and 1997
- Discussion:
 - "Such a finding *if confirmed in other groups*, would suggest that cat exposure in childhood is a risk factor..." (my italics)
 - "Even if this mode of transmission explains the findings presented here, it is somewhat surprising that this can be demonstrated by surveys...We therefore urge our colleagues...to collect data on cat and other pet ownership..."
- References: 11 total, 6 are by Torrey and/or Yolken

Yuksel, P (2015, June 27). A contribution to the Torrey et al.'s "cat ownership in childhood is a significant risk factor for later developing schizophrenia" study [Letter to the editor]. *Schizophrenia Research*, 172, 226.

- "Apparently unknown to Torrey et al., we have published such a study." (Yuksel, 226)