Combining Efforts: A Subject Librarian and a Generalist Team Up for Research Instruction

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Bracken Library
• Main library
  • Architecture Library
  • Science-Health Science Library
• 1.1 million volumes
• 9 Instruction Librarians

Architecture Library
• Supports the College of Architecture and Planning
• 27,000 Volumes
• 1 Librarian

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The Challenge
The Solution
Nuts & Bolts

• Contact person
• Assignment information
• Session details
Working Together

- Work with it!
- Complement strengths
- Fill in the gaps
- Reinforce key points
What Worked for Us

- Make a wish list
- Compare & review
- Discuss
- Assign sections

- Based on main library workshop
- Subject-specific examples
- Different viewpoints
- Continues to evolve
Example: SP335 Culture of Spain Through Visual Arts

- Reviewed syllabus & textbook
- Met with instructor
- Discussed relevant resources
- Delivered session
- Contacted by the instructor to talk to literature class
Progress & the Road Ahead

• Recorded session
• Sessions held in the Architecture Library
• Added to the line-up:
  – 3 more art history classes
  – Art education class
  – Spanish classes on art and literature
  – More workshops for architecture students
Tips for Collaboration

• Communicate
• Approach/Style
• Expectations
• Trust and Respect!
• Be flexible!
• Talk before and after the class. Regroup.

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For Further Reading


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