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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
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.
For Further Reading


