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INFORMATION LITERACY AND THE LIBRARY WEBSITE: BRIDGING THE DIVIDE AND MEETING USER NEEDS

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Team Effort

- Campus IT
- Automated Services (Automation)
- Reference
- Employee & Organizational Development
Why & How

- **Why** should both usability and information literacy standards inform library website design, content, and architecture?

- **How** can both usability and information literacy standards inform library website design, content, and architecture?
Usability Testing – 2008

- **Collected data**
  - One-on-one usability tests, Spring 2008
  - Focus groups, Summer 2008

- **Disseminated results**

- **Acted on results: website redesign**

- **Repeated in 2010**
Usability Testing – Fall 2010

- Collected data
  - One-on-one usability tests
  - Google Analytics

- Disseminated results
  - Library Help webpage
  - “Why didn’t this work? How can we fix it?”
  - “This worked. Let’s keep it.”
(old) Library Help

- Good news: Students go to Library Help when they need help.
- Bad news: Students do not find the help they want.

http://thewritershole.blogspot.com
LIBRARY HELP

- Live Chat
- Getting Started (flash video)
- How to Research, Evaluate Sources, and Cite
- Library FAQ's
- Library Instruction
  - Library Instruction Assessment form
- Schedule an In-Depth Research Appointment
- Subject & Course Research Guides
- E-Reference Shelf
- Library Web Site Directory | Index | Search

OTHER CAMPUS HELP

- Academic Resources for Students
  - Regents' Test Questions and Answers
- IT Helpdesk, located 2nd floor in the Library beside the Circulation Desk
- Distance Learning Services, located 3rd floor
- Media Center, located 1st floor
- Student Success Center
  - Online Tutoring - sponsored by the Student Success Center

Ask Us (Chat Now), Tell Us about the Library web site. This document last modified Monday, 01-Feb-2010 18:53:21 EST Staff
HOW TO RESEARCH, EVALUATE SOURCES, AND CITE

General

- Boolean, Truncation, and Wildcards
- Constructing a Search Strategy
- Crime and Punishment (short film about plagiarism)
- Current Controversies
- Evaluating Journal Articles
- Evaluating Websites and Search Engines
- Getting Your Hands on the Articles (flow chart)
- Guide: Scholarly vs Trade Magazines vs Popular Magazines
- How to Browse the Library Bookshelves Virtually
- How to find books in Odum Library
- Interlibrary Loan & Odum Express
  - Top Ten Features of ILL / Odum Express
- Peer Review
- "Mapping" Your Topic
- Searching the Web
  - Tools
  - Strategies
  - Developing a Search Strategy (Powerpoint)
  - Evaluation & Citation
- Top Ten Services At Odum Library
- Digital Research Tools wiki (DiRT)
- Directory of Learning Tools - Centre for Learning & Performance Technologies

Flash Video Tutorials

- Getting Started
- Anywhere Access
How do we fix this?

- Wanted a student-centered design
- Did a literature review
- Reduce clicks
- Organize by student experience instead of by format
New Library Help

- Aligned with ACRL Information Literacy Core Competencies and the research process
- Multiple learning styles
- Accessibility
LIBRARY HELP

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Using the Library

Helpful Library Links

- E-Reference Shelf: quick, trustable information from dictionaries, encyclopedias, and more.
- Subject & Course Research Guides: the library's most recommended sources for your subject.
- In-Depth Research Appointment: request an appointment with a Reference Librarian.
- Library Instruction Request Form: request library instruction sessions for your classes.

Video Instructions

- Getting Started
  - Text version
- Anywhere Access
  - Text version
- Library Account
  - Text version
- GIL-Find@VSU
  - Text version

Text Instructions

- Getting Electronic Journal Articles Full Text
- Getting Journal Articles in Print
Planning Your Search

Video Instructions

- Mapping Your Topic
  - Text Version
- Search Tips: Boolean Operators and More
  - Text Version
- Constructing Your Search Strategy
  - Text Version

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Searching for Articles

Video Instructions

- What is a Scholarly Database?
  - Text version
- Finding Databases in GALILEO
  - Text version
- Using the "Find It" Button
  - Text version
- EBSCOhost
  - Text version
- ProQuest
  - Text version
- News Resources
  - Text version

Text Instructions

- Academic Search Complete
- CINAHL
- ERIC
- Library Literature and Information Science database - Searching
- Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts (LISTA) database - Searching
- LISA: Library and Information Science Abstracts - Searching
- PIA Checkpoint Tax Research Library With Registration
- SelfFinder Scholar Web Version Chemical Abstract Service

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Evaluating Your Sources

Video Instructions

- Evaluation: Selecting the Best Sources for Your Research
  - Text Version
The Plan

- Fall semester
  - collect data

- Spring & Summer semester
  - disseminate and discuss results
  - act on results
Types of Usability Tests

- One-on-one user observations
- Focus groups
- Surveys
- Google Analytics data

- Pre-testing
  - Cognitive walkthroughs
  - Brainstorming sessions
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- Software & website usability
- Focus groups & in-depth interviews
- Field studies & ethnography
- Paper prototypes
- Mobile devices & hardware

Find out how Morae is used »
Things to Consider

- Test administration
- Recruiting participants
- Designing tests
- Recording results
- Analyzing results
Fall 2011 Focus Groups

- Employee & Organizational Development
- Recruitment
  - 3 groups of 10
  - 2 undergraduate, 1 faculty and graduate
- Questions
  - How do you like the new Library Help?
  - Do we need an “e-reference shelf” or “consumer resources” guide?
  - Open questions about the site overall
Focus Group Format

- Moderated discussion
- Brainstorming
- Prizes and Pizza
Accessibility

- Working with VSU’s Access Office to conform to best accessibility practices
  - W3 Consortium Web Accessibility Initiative: http://www.w3.org/WAI/
Contact us for more details!

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