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Introduction

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Academic libraries must...meet the information and research needs of all...constituents, wherever they may be. This principle applies equally to individuals on a main campus, off campus, in distance learning or regional campus programs, or in the absence of any physical campus. The library must provide information literacy instruction programs to the distance learning community.
Embedded Librarian

- One of many ways we reach out to online students
- Faculty interest
- Faculty involvement
- Collaborate with faculty
- Become an integral part of class
### Faculty and Student Needs

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- Students:
  - Scholarly papers
  - Scholarly sources
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  - Learning critical thinking skills
  - Learn search skills and techniques
  - Less frustration

- Faculty:
  - Scholarly papers from students using scholarly sources for their references
  - Less frustration for students and professor
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History & Initial Goals

- Informal conversation: faculty member and regional campus librarians (2001)
- Goal 1 - teach library research skills to distance learner students.
- Goal 2 – incorporate new technologies into library instruction
- Goal 3 – step out of the physical library
Develop experimental module (2001-2)
Challenges of early module

- Template or Open ended?
- Practice exercises
- Grading assignments
- Share classes?
- Compromise in philosophies – yours, mine, ours
- How to expand
- How to store/save/share data
- How to evaluate
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UCF Classes

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Obtaining a UCF Library Card Number

To check out books or other materials from the UCF Library in Orlando, to request articles or books using Interlibrary Loan, or to retain access to most of the library’s electronic databases, you must have a current, active UCF library card number. If you have a UCF student ID card, your library card number is the 14-digit number listed at the bottom front of the card. UCF student ID cards are provided at most UCF campuses.

You can go to the UCF Card Office on the Orlando campus, which is located in room #104 of the John T. Washington Center across from the UCF Bookstore.

You can get a card from the following main and regional campus locations: [http://library.ucf.edu/BranchCampuses/Services.asp](http://library.ucf.edu/BranchCampuses/Services.asp)

If you prefer, you can also obtain a UCF student ID card by mail. You will need to send a passport quality photo, a copy of your drivers' license, a copy of your social security card, and a check for $15.00 to:

UCF Card Services
P.O. Box 160056
Orlando, FL 32816-0056

Complete information for obtaining a card by mail can be found online at [UCF Card for Distance Learners](http://www.ucfcard.ucf.edu/distancelearning.html) or you can contact the UCF Card Office at (407) 823-2100.

If you are unable to visit a campus to get a UCF ID and you are a UCF distance learner, or if you are unable to get a UCF ID, you may use a library ID number. The ID number can be used to access UCF Electronic Resources and other library services. To request a library ID number from the UCF Library, fill out the online Library ID Number Request Form [http://library.ucf.edu/Circulation/ID/IDRequestForm.html] Note that you will need to provide the registration number (the “key” number) for the distributed learning course you are taking, or a copy of your MyUCF accounts if you were not able to get a UCF ID.
Pros:
- Centralized
- No longer dependent on Web Developers
- > 1 class could use the same page

Cons:
- Only a few librarians had access to update
- All exercises had to be the same for a specific course
- Graphics/media had to be approved
- Not librarian specific
LibGuides – The Repository
WebCT Link to the Library Module

This module contains information vital to student success as related to their ability to access resources through the UCF Library system and commercial databases.

Weekly modules that contain Learning Resources, Content Links and Discussion Questions.
Relevant Class Assignments

Article Critique Assignment (Project II)

- Chosen article MUST be:
  - a research study (NOT content analyses, content synthesizes, literature reviews)
  - written by at least one nurse as an author
  - reported in a nursing journal
  - be a quantitative study (not qualitative)
LibGuides – Practice Exercises

MEDLINE - Ebscohost

From the UCF Library homepage http://library.ucf.edu, click on “Articles & Databases”. Type in your 14-digit activated library ID number in the login box, then click on LOGIN. Answer “yes” to the Security Alert question. Click on ‘M’ in the alphabetical line under the “Successfully logged in” text.

Select ‘Medline-Ebscohost’.

Put the phrase breast cancer and pain or discomfort in the top row of search boxes.

Click ‘Search’.

Click on the ‘Search Options’ link on the right hand side of the results page.

Scroll down under ‘Limit your results’ and check the ‘English Language’ box.

Under ‘Journal & Citation Subset’, select ‘Nursing’. Under ‘Publication Type’, select ‘Clinical Trial’.

Click ‘Search’.

4. How many articles did you find?
   a. More than 500
   b. 100 - 500
   c. 50 - 100

http://libguides.lib.ucf.edu/nur3165a
LibGuides – Screenshots

Type **handwashing** in the second box. Leave the Boolean operator as **AND**. (Hint: Put any keywords related to your topic in the second box. Try one or two terms at first or leave the box blank if you just want to browse.)

Type **nurs* or RN** in the third row and change the field on the right hand side to **AF Author Affiliation**. (Rationale: this will limit results to articles written by a nurse).

Type **systematic review** in the fourth box. Change the field on the right hand side to **PT Publication Type**. On the left hand side, change the Boolean operator to **NOT**. (Rationale: A systematic Review is an example of an article type you don't want. This way, you can filter out systematic reviews and other unwanted types of studies from your results).

Add a fifth row and do the same for pictorial publication types.

Add a sixth row to filter out **Qualitative** from your results using **NOT**. (Important: use the 'MW Word in Subject Heading' field instead of PT Publication Type)

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**Searching: CINAHL Plus with Full Text**

- **Suggest Subject Terms**
- **Select a Field (optional)**
- **Select a Field (optional)**
- **AF Author Affiliation**
- **PT Publication Type**
- **Select a Field (optional)**
- **MW Word in Subject Heading**

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**Options:**
- Basic Search
- Advanced Search
- Visual Search
- Search History/Alerts
- Preferences
Link to the Final Assignment Quiz
Library Module Final Assignment

Todd Andrew
Started: September 18, 2009 12:39 PM
Questions: 15

Instructions
The library discussion will remain open until the due date so students may view library related announcements and other information. For specific questions related to the final assignment, please e-mail the Course Librarian (Andrew Todd). Please check the course calendar for the date and time that this assignment must be completed. A total of 10 points are possible for this assignment. There are 5 main question with several components (1a, 1b, 1c...2a, 2b etc).

1. Question 1a (Points: 0.66)
Using the NetLibrary database, find an eBook that would be relevant to this course that addresses both of the following topics: Nursing Research and Quantitative Studies.

(Hint: See Practice Exercise 1 in the Library Module for more information about NetLibrary)

What ebook title did you chose?
3. Finding the full-text article from a citation. (Points: 7)

Choose one of the databases and find the full-text article for the following citation.


Who is the author of the article?

- 1. Niccie L. McKay
- 2. Steven Bernet
- 3. Jason McCall

4. Using Business Source Premier (Points: 7)

Use Business Source Premier to find the peer reviewed article that was written by Henry J. Aaron in 2003 about the control of health care spending. This article will be used to answer this question and the next question.

The article was published in which journal listed below?

- 1. Health Care Management Science
- 2. Health Affairs
- 3. Health Policy
Library Discussion Board
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The Students

- BAS
- Average age = 40
- Shaky writing skills
- Never used electronic sources
- Unintentional plagiarism
- Complaints from business faculty

I had an idea!
The Instructor

- English department
- Teaching Business Writing
- Strongly pro-library
- Enthusiastic about concept
- Helped convince other stakeholders
  - Dean of Baccalaureate Studies
  - Dean of Florida Online
  - Chair of English department
The Technology

- Desire2Learn
- Knew it well: LIS 2004
- Assistant instructor in first class
- Full instructor privileges in second class and beyond

Virtual Office
- In discussion area
- Purpose, contact information, links
- Library assignments
The Response

- Overall student response very positive
- Used mostly for help with citations (APA style)
- Library assignments
  - Mistakes were made!
  - More successful with hybrids than 100% online
- Did grades improve??
The Aftermath

- Three sections of business writing
- Organizational Behavior
  - 11/17 incompletes
- Management
  - Scholarly vs. non-scholarly
    - “I used EBSCO, what else do you want!”
  - Business news
- Seven classes currently
  - Four Intro to Business, two Principles of Global Marketing, one Intro to E-Commerce
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Faculty Collaboration

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Good relations between librarians and classroom faculty are a necessity, not a luxury.  
( Kotter, 1999)
Promote to Teaching Faculty

- Presentations at faculty orientations, council meetings, etc.
- Library Newsletters, blogs, brochures, etc.
- Social interaction
- Testimonies from faculty
Working with Teaching Faculty

- Maintain regular communications
- Beware of being “too helpful”
- Be flexible & accommodating (but set limits)
- Get to know their needs and research
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Challenges and Successes

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Challenges Encountered

- Not enough librarians
- Time constraints
- New faculty buy-in
- Meet various needs from teaching faculty
- Effective evaluation
Lessons Learned

- Ask faculty to stress the value of the modules
- Work better in a course with assignments requiring research skills
- Constantly revise library assignments
- Stay current on technological advances in the college’s course management system
Success Achieved

- Increased numbers of embedded classes

- Increased Visibility

- Plain text module to multi-formats

- New collaborative projects
“Wow.....I had no idea the number of resources available...intimidating really. But you guys have put together an excellent tutorial and I thank you.”

“I enjoyed working through the instructions and found them to be very useful, especially the feedback the librarians provided.”

“This module has taught me so much and has put my worries at ease.”