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Let Us Help Flip Your Classroom

Flipping Out for Information Literacy: Mix and Match Modules
Tuesday, September 23, noon, UC259B

In this LEARN Center workshop, Andersen Library Reference & Instruction librarians will share information about tutorial modules with built-in assessments designed with the goal of strengthening UW-W students’ information literacy skills. Find out what is available for you to integrate with your face-to-face and online instruction — everything from skills and concepts essential for lower-level undergraduate students’ progress to those needed for 400-level coursework. Modules include: Basic Search Tips, Avoiding Plagiarism, Anatomy of a Scholarly Article, Where to Begin the Search, and Citation Managers.

For more information and to sign up, see the UWW Training & Events Registration page.

Library Instruction Made to Order

Librarians are available to help guide your students along the path of information literacy, one of LEAP’s essential learning outcomes.

Library instruction along with online course guides can be completely customized to meet the specific needs of any research assignment. To schedule your sessions, please contact your Librarian Liaison or call the Reference Desk at 262.472.1032.

Alma: Our NextGen Library System

This year the Council of UW Libraries selected Alma as its next generation library system. What is a nextgen library system, you may ask? Well, they power many of the behind-the-scenes library functions including circulation, acquisitions, and cataloging. And typically library systems, like our HALCAT, have also run the online public catalogs.

However, in this latest generation of products, the online public catalog is a separate “discovery” layer that acts as the public interface to the library system. Research@UWW already acts as an interface for HALCAT as well as for numerous library databases. This allows for one-stop searching across many types of resources. In the spring, we’ll migrate from the product that runs HALCAT to Alma, making Research@UWW the exclusive access point to our catalog.

Our goal this semester is to help users become more familiar with Research@UWW before HALCAT goes away entirely.

American Chemical Society & IEEE

In the Spring, the UW System Administration agreed to fund the American Chemical Society Journals and IEEE Xplore (engineering database) for five years. These are databases UW Libraries and the UW System jointly funded. Since our material costs increase 5-7% annually, this will likely keep our subscription cancellations to a minimum this year.

The UW System has central funding to pay for some very pricey and useful research tools, including Web of Science (citation indexes in the arts/humanities, social sciences and sciences), ABI/Inform (business articles, company and industry information), and LexisNexis Academic (news, business, legal, and company information).

New & Improved Loan Periods

In anticipation of the 2015 move to Alma, we’re extending loan periods and renewals! Faculty, staff, and graduate students will have semester loans for Main collection books with three renewals, while undergraduate students will have 28 day loans with two renewals. DVDs will go out for 14 days and the media item limit has been increased to ten. For complete information on Loan Periods and Renewals, see the chart on the Library web site. https://geturl.uww.edu/1u0

Hold Everything: Fall Course Reserves

If you’d like to place physical or electronic items on reserve for Fall classes, now is the time to get them to us. Please contact Trisha Smith, the Library’s Reserves Assistant, to reinstate reserves from previous semesters or to place new material on reserve: reserve@uww.edu 262.472.5512.

Questions? Contact Carol Elsen, Collection Manager, x5751  elsenc@uww.edu