Doubling Up: Leveraging Existing Technology to Provide More Library Instruction with the Same Staff

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How do you teach 45% more classes with the same staff?

- Transitioning to College Life
- First-Year Studies
- Drop-in Sessions
- Quick Start Sessions
- Information Literacy Initiative
Re-Thinking Modes of Instruction

- Partnering with the Writing Center
- Online-only Instruction
- Subject-specific tutorials
Transitioning to College Life

- Mandatory one-credit course for all First-Year Students
- Basic introduction to the library and its resources
- Partnered with the Writing and Resource Center to teach RefWorks
Would the addition of Transitioning to College Life mean too much duplication?

Online instruction through Blackboard uses Captivate tutorials to provide more in-depth information.
Drop-in Sessions and Quick Starts

- Evening and weekend drop-in sessions offered several times each semester

- Quick Starts offered on an as-needed basis throughout the semester
Information Literacy Initiative

- Capturing students again during junior/senior year
- Increasingly in-depth instruction
- Collaborating with faculty
Getting Serious about Assessment

- Online Tutorial Quiz Reporting
- Information Literacy Grading Rubrics
Sometimes Low-Tech Works Too…

Transitioning to College Life Response Slip Results

I discovered that...
Write down something you learned about the library today:

**EBSCO Host Rules!**
Going Forward

- **LibGuides**

- Combining resources and help in one place

- Great faculty feedback
Results

- RefWorks discontinued
- Using more free or inexpensive Open Source tools
- Combining online component with classroom instruction
- Cascading revisions!
Suggestions

Who can you partner with on campus?

- Writing and Resource Center
- Information Technology
- Faculty
Suggestions

What tools does your institution have that you’re not using?

- Survey Software
- Blackboard
- Portals
Suggestions

What free tools are you using?

- Jing
- YouTube
- Google Voice
- Meebo
- Facebook
- Photoscape
Suggestions

What would you buy if you had a little bit of money?

- Adobe Captivate
- Camtasia
- Jing Pro
- LibGuides
Finally…

- Don’t hesitate to try stuff…and to discard it if it doesn’t work!

  - “It is common sense to take a method and try it. If it fails, admit it frankly and try another. But above all, try something.”

  - Franklin D. Roosevelt
Questions?