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Do You Want to Play a Game?

BREAKOUT EDU

- June 2017: Library staff discovered BreakoutEDU kits
- June 2017: Collier Library purchased 4 BreakoutEDU kits
- Summer 2017: Pilot testing of the kits using templates from Breakout EDU that had been modified
 - Faculty
 - Staff
 - Students
- FYE 101 – EN 111 – EN 112
- August 2017: Instructors began using BreakoutEDU with all UNA FYE classes

More info on BreakoutEDU at <https://www.breakoutedu.com/getstarted>

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A male lion with a large mane stands on the left, looking towards the right. A lioness is walking towards the right in the center. The background features large, dark grey rocks and a waterfall on the right side. The ground is covered in green grass and scattered rocks.

UNA FYE PROGRAM

Aims/Goals/Scope

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“what is expected of you as a student, and how to get help with everything from study tips, to writing a paper, to time management.”

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Digital and Physical Spaces

Digital:

- ▶ How to navigate library's homepage
- ▶ How to determine where a physical resource is located in the library (library map)
- ▶ How to locate subject specialists

Physical:

- ▶ Each team had to locate
 - ▷ “Collier Vision”
 - ▷ Thinkspace
 - ▷ Archives and Special Collections
- ▶ In each location they had to take a team picture
 - ▷ Post on IG
 - ▷ #weescaped
 - ▷ #myUNA

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The breakout kit

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE KIT?



Large Breakout EDU



Small Breakout EDU Box



Hasp



ABC Multilock



Directional Multilock



Color Multilock Wheels



Shape Multilock Wheels



Number Multilock Wheels



Key Lock (with 3 keys)



3-Digit Lock



4-Digit Lock



Hint Cards (Set of 2)



Deck of Reflection Cards



Invisible Ink Pen



UV Flashlight



Red Lens Viewer



USB Drive (blank)

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Designing the Game: Homepage

<https://www.una.edu/library/>

The screenshot shows the library homepage with a purple header. The header includes the University of North Alabama logo and navigation links: APPLY, LEARN, CONNECT, SPORTS, ALUMNI, GIVE, and LIONCAM. A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the header, there are buttons for 'APPLY!' and 'REQUEST'. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Library Home:** A vertical list of links including Archives & Special Collections, Citations, Copyright & Plagiarism, Contact Us, Faculty & Staff, Friends of Collier Library, Hours, Library Map, Policies, and Study Room Reservations.
- Contact Information:** Social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, followed by the address: Collier Library, UNA Box 5028 Florence, Alabama 35632, P: 256.765.4241.
- Spring Break Hours:** A prominent announcement stating the library will close for Spring Break at 4:30pm on Friday 3/23 and reopen at 6pm 4/1.
- Discovery / Library Catalog:** A search interface with a search bar, a 'Search' button, and links for 'Advanced Search' and 'Guest access'.
- Find Articles:** A list of links: Browse Academic Journals, Periodicals Holdings, Resources by Subject, and Resources by Title.
- Library Services:** A list of links: Instruction Request, Interlibrary Loan, Library & Course Guides, My Library Account, and Research Consultation.
- Other Campus Libraries:** A link to 'Other Campus Libraries' with a small globe icon.

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Homepage Navigation Clues

ATTN: Villains

Memo: Homepage link removal

Fall Semester 2017

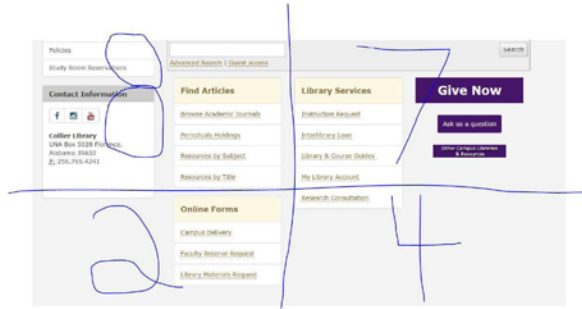
Dearest villains,

When removing links from the areas below, make sure to take valuable assets immediately.

Start by removing the ability to schedule 30 minutes of research help by removing the "Research Consultation" link.

Then, remove their ability to receive books and materials that Collier Library does not own by removing the "Interlibrary Loan" link.

Finally, take away their access to specific subject databases by removing the "Resources by Subject" link.



Thank you,

Your Leader



ATTN: Villains

Memo: Erase links immediately.

Fall Semester 2017

Dearest villains,

We must remove vital links from the UNA Collier Library homepage guaranteeing a struggle for the school year for all students. Please, take this **direction** in erasing the links. It is imperative that we get this removed in the correct order.

Links to remove:

Citations, Copyright & Plagiarism

Hours

Policies

Discovery

Periodicals Holdings

Ask us a question

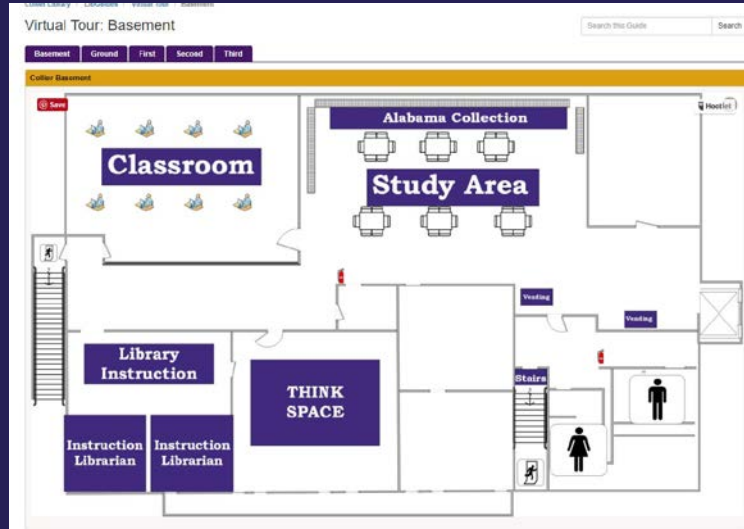
Thank you,

Your Leader



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Designing the Game: Mapping Locations



Using library maps to locate collections

University of NORTH ALABAMA

Culler Library / LibGuides / Faculty & Staff / Subject Librarians (Liaisons)

Faculty & Staff: Subject Librarians (Liaisons)

Departmental Listing | Alphabetical Listing | **Subject Librarians (Liaisons)**

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Designing the Game: Library Liaisons

Subject librarians are especially helpful when researching with your subject. When you reserve a research consultation, if you are looking at a specific subject area, then consider scheduling with the librarian associated with the subject. S/he might also have some valuable insight into your assignment! We must stop these **subject liaisons** from being so helpful by removing their contact information. What librarians are associated with these subjects?

Elementary Education: _____

English: _____

Psychology: _____

Social Work: _____

History: _____



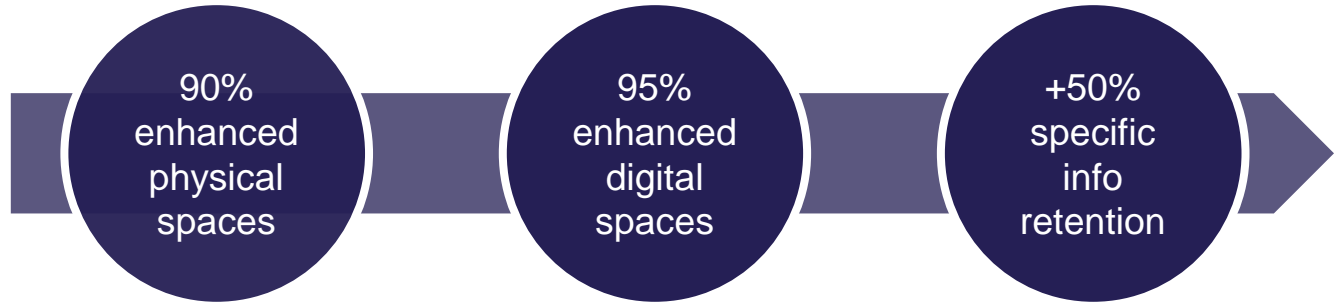
Listing by Subject Specialty

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Assessment

Post-Instruction Student Assessment:

- ▶ 6 yes/no questions
- ▶ 2 free-form response questions
- ▶ +150 responses (to date)

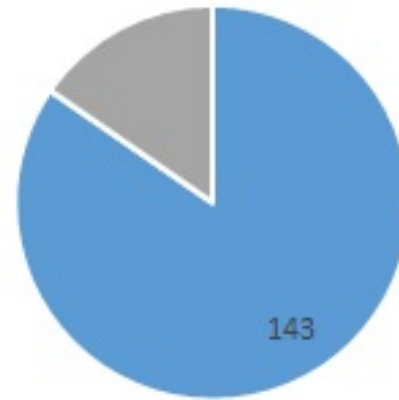


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FYE post-escape survey

84.6% had visited – SOAR?

Prior to the Collier Library Escape Room activity, I had visited Collier Library.



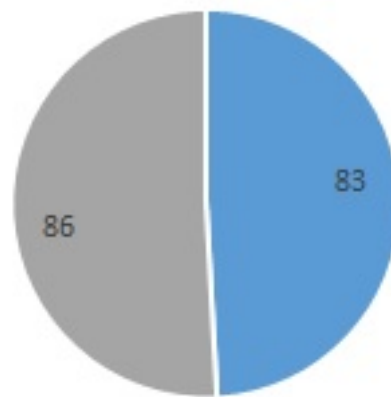
■ Yes ■ No

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FYE post-escape survey

49% had visited website

Prior to the Collier Library Escape Room activity, I had visited Collier Library's website.



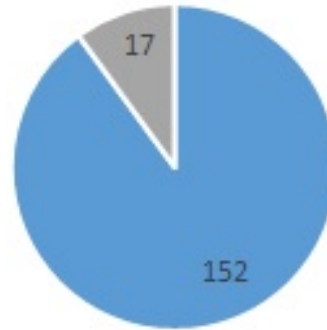
■ Yes ■ No

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FYE post-
escape
survey

90% better
with Web

After visiting the Collier Library Escape Room, I
have a better understanding of the tools available
on the Collier Library website.



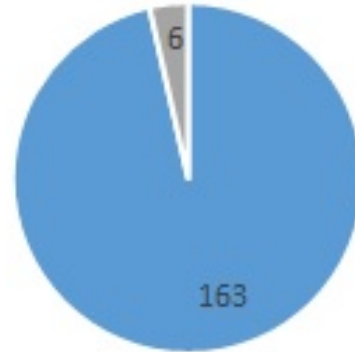
■ Yes ■ No

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FYE post-escape survey

96.4% better with building

After visiting the Collier Library Escape Room, I have a better understanding of the spaces available in Collier Library's building.



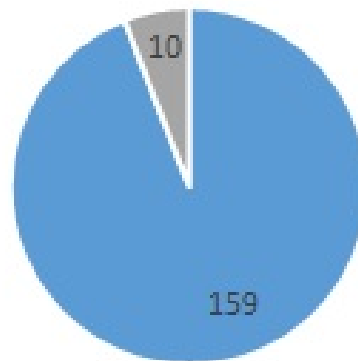
■ Yes ■ No

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FYE post-
escape
survey

94% felt more
familiar &
comfortable

The Collier Library Escape Room made me more familiar and comfortable in Collier Library and on the website.



■ Yes ■ No

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Important Observations

- Let the game breathe, do not over-hint
- Have a good prize – they will work harder if you offer incentive
- Led to a nursing collaboration
- 21 library science games currently available via BreakoutEDU subscription

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Moving Forward – Future Developments

- Change the game annually
- Modify final activity
- Incorporate Escapes into other instruction
- Purchase more kits

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Ready to Play?



Breakout EDU



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THANKS!

Any questions?

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