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## Introducing First Year Students to Library Resources through Google Books and Scholar

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# First Year Students UWG1101 and Ingram Library



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# What is UWG 1101?



- Class for all incoming freshman
- Taught by faculty and staff across campus
- Intended to introduce them to college life
- Most students enroll in class
- Each instructor includes a library component

# Ingram Library and UWG1101



- Initially not much library involvement
- Fall 2008 Google class offered
- First library UWG1101 class
- Collaborative effort to develop course material
- First class taught within two weeks
- Some initial problems

# Google Books and Scholar Class



- How to navigate library homepage
- Set up scholar preferences
  - Default to UWG Ingram Library
- Google Scholar/Books exercise
  - Search strategies for Google Books and Scholar
  - Finding full text articles
  - Books at UWG vs. another library

# Connecting it to Information Literacy?



- Beyond basic Google search screen
- Non-librarian search interface
- Develop better search strategies
- Find scholarly materials
- Better search results make better choices

# Outcomes



- Taught 15 classes with help from two colleagues
- Feedback from UWG1101 students and instructors
- Used something familiar to students
- Provided easy access to library materials
- Used “one minute” paper for assessment
- Building on last year’s results

# Additional Resources



- [National Resource Center for The First-Year Experience and Students in Transition](#)
- [Google Services at UWG](#)
- [FYE: Connecting First-Year College Students with the Library](#)
- [UWG First Year Program](#)



# Final Thoughts



Questions and Comments