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LibGuides

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LibGuides have allowed the College at Brockport librarians to update and design research guides more efficiently and effectively than in the past. They have created a way for librarians to collaborate with faculty outside of the library to improve students' access to resources. Faculty have been willing to work with librarians as they develop guides specific to their courses.

The College at Brockport librarians use LibGuides for library subject and class guides but has also extended their use to other parts of the library and campus community. As a part of the new diversity initiative, librarians have worked with the diversity officer to create a libguide for diversity resources. The government documents librarian has used libguides to organize the government documents collection, including many of the microform collections. The main college web page for copyright information is housed in a libguide. Librarians are involved in a faculty research community, "Using Research as a Teaching Tool," and are collaborating with faculty to design a research portal. This page provides a one-stop place for students and faculty to find information for all aspects of research, including the library, institutional research, and human subjects review board. It also has given the library a chance to promote libguides to faculty in several departments.

Funding for LibGuides came out of the reference book budget. Since many of the print reference books are rarely consulted, librarians felt that libguides would enhance access to our holdings. LibGuides authors have made an effort to integrate links directly to online (and print) reference books in many of the libguides.

Resources

Introduction to LibGuides:

<http://demo.libguides.com/libguides-intro>

Springshare Support Blog:

<http://support.springshare.com>

Real World Examples of LibGuides in Action:

<http://www.springshare.com/libguides/examples.html>

Brockport's LibGuides:

<http://brockport.libguides.com/>

Brockport's Research Portal (a work in progress):

<http://brockport.libguides.com/research/>