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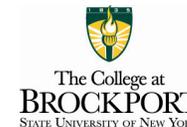
One Day Conference

In 2008 the College at Brockport's librarians and IT staff stirred up a successful one-day conference: "Integrating Library Services into Learning Management Systems." "Library-2-LMS" (its shortened title) was a one-day regional conference where participants learned about ways in which libraries had incorporated information, databases, tutorials, and assessment instruments into learning management systems. The concept for the conference originated during a library/IT meeting. One librarian, with support from several departments, wrote and received a $5000 COCID (Conference on Computing in the Disciplines) grant from the statewide SUNY Technology committee. This amount plus a small registration fee paid by participants covered all aspects of the conference.

Teamwork

Planning Team: Librarians, Instructional Designers, IT Professionals handled the:

- Development of web pages and a listserv.
- Conference materials and presenter information (housed on Brockport's LMS -- ANGEL).
- Catering and room reservations.
- Call for proposals (received more than expected).
- Conference schedule / program.
- Housing / directions.

Logistics

Participants: Over 130 enthusiastic participants from 13 states & 2 provinces.

Program: 1 keynote address.
9 concurrent sessions.
13 poster sessions.
Lunch, plus free time to tour the library and/or campus.

Feedback: Overwhelmingly positive. As one attendee commented,
"The blend of librarians and IT professionals was the
perfect match for spawning both ideas and solutions."

Lessons Learned

1. Delegate, delegate, delegate!
2. Choose a "hot topic," one that is relevant to librarians' job duties.
3. Cap registration if space is limited.
4. Ask everyone to volunteer: You may be surprised at who offers the most help!
5. Contact keynote speakers as soon as possible.
6. Speak with people who have arranged events at your venue in the past.
7. Look for funding sources in multiple areas: vendors, local library consortiums, etc.

Library – 2 – LMS Conference Ideas
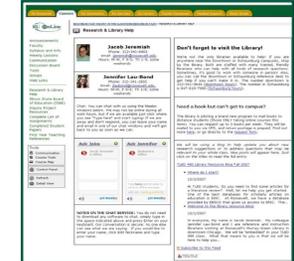
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Embedded Librarian

Roosevelt University (Blackboard)
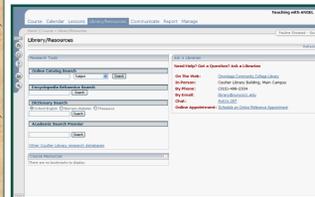
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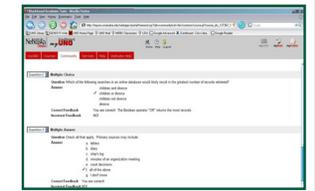
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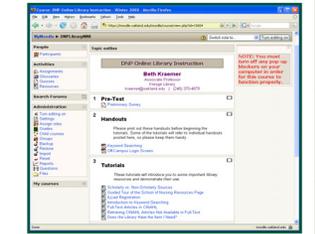### Librarian's Corner

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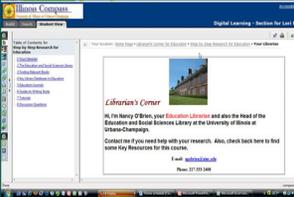
Assessment Instruments

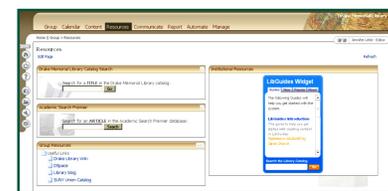**University of Nebraska Omaha (Blackboard)**

Tutorials / Quizzes

Oakland University (Moodle)

Outcomes and New Collaborations

ANGEL at Brockport
- Developed a better working relationship with the ANGEL team.
- Created library-specific widgets/nuggets (building blocks).

Departmental Merger

Spring 2008:
- IT and the library collaborated in running the MISO (Merged Information Services Organizations) Survey.

Fall 2008:
- Information Technology Services moved to the ground floor of the library building (including the ANGEL team).
- 3 new computer labs were "relocated" to the library.
- Library, IT, and Institutional Research were merged to create the new **"LITS" (Library, Information and Technology Services)** division.

Educational Technology Center

- The new **ETC** is located on the ground floor of the library.
- Two librarians, including the new digital services librarian, have offices near the ETC.
- Librarians and IT professionals co-sponsor and teach workshops there.

Contact Information

All conference and poster materials available online at the ACRL website or on the wiki:

http://librariandesign.wikispaces.com

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