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# Librarians in the Hall

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# LIBRARIANS IN THE HALL

## ABSTRACT

There is an old proverb, "If the mountain will not come to Mohammed, then Mohammed must go to the mountain." Without a university mandate for information literacy instruction, it is a challenge to engage our incoming undergraduate freshmen who are often overwhelmed by the higher expectations of scholarship at the college level and the complexities of the information environment. Unique and creative approaches are needed to reach millennial learners where they are, both physically in terms of where they reside on campus and pedagogically by employing new teaching methods that they can appreciate and understand. This poster presents a highly collaborative project that was developed by librarians, faculty, and students at Purdue University: "Research Project Survival" brought information literacy instruction into the lounges of five residence halls in a fun and interactive format that included food, games, and prizes. Attendance was voluntary and exceeded expectations by averaging 22 residents per session. Students completed written evaluations, and a final report assessed the success of the program.

## RESEARCH PROJECT SURVIVAL

WHAT - I CAN'T CITE WIKIPEDIA!?

Stumped about how to do research in college? ?

Dreading your ENG and COMM research projects??



AWESOME giveaways! USB FLASH DRIVES and more!

Not sure where to go when you need quality sources for your projects??

### FREE FOOD and RESEARCH ADVICE

You will hear practical tips that will make your research easier, faster, and BETTER.

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## RESEARCH PROJECT SURVIVAL

The Top 5 Tips for Better Research Projects

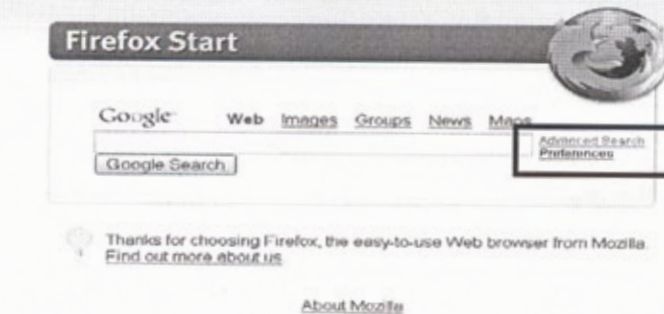
**1. HAVE A GAME PLAN.**  
First - Admit you have a research project. Don't procrastinate!  
Then - Narrow your topic. And try to find something about it that's interesting to you.

### 6 Steps of the Research Process:

1. Identify and develop your topic.
2. Find background information on your topic.
3. Find sources (websites, articles, and books).
4. Evaluate the sources (Are they relevant? Credible?)
5. Report what you find.
6. Cite what you find.

### 2. BE SMART ABOUT THE WEB.

**Wikipedia:** (Good for) background information and finding other sources.  
**Wikipedia:** (Not-so-good for) - It's not an authoritative or scholarly source. Don't cite it in your bibliographies!  
Use **Advanced Search** in Google!



### 3. LOOK FOR QUALITY AND CURRENCY.

Where? The Libraries! **Purdue Libraries' website** - [WWW.LIB.PURDUE.EDU](http://WWW.LIB.PURDUE.EDU)  
Access journal, magazine, and newspaper articles from your dorm ... or anywhere! Off-campus? Just log-in with your career account. Check out screen shots on the back of this hand-out.

### 4. DON'T PLAGIARIZE!

Some advice: Take CAREFUL notes. Always make sure you know what you'll need for a citation: author, title, date, volume, issue, publishing company, publishing city, pages, etc.  
**Turnitin.com** (Some of your professors use it; so can you!)  
**www.citationmachine.net** (For help with citations in just about any format)  
**ONLINE WRITING LAB AT PURDUE** - owl.english.purdue.edu

### 5. ASK FOR HELP.

Where? The Libraries!  
In-person at any reference desk or online via email, chat, etc.  
Check out [ASKALIB.PURDUE.EDU](http://ASKALIB.PURDUE.EDU)

### Quick Evaluation: Research Project Survival

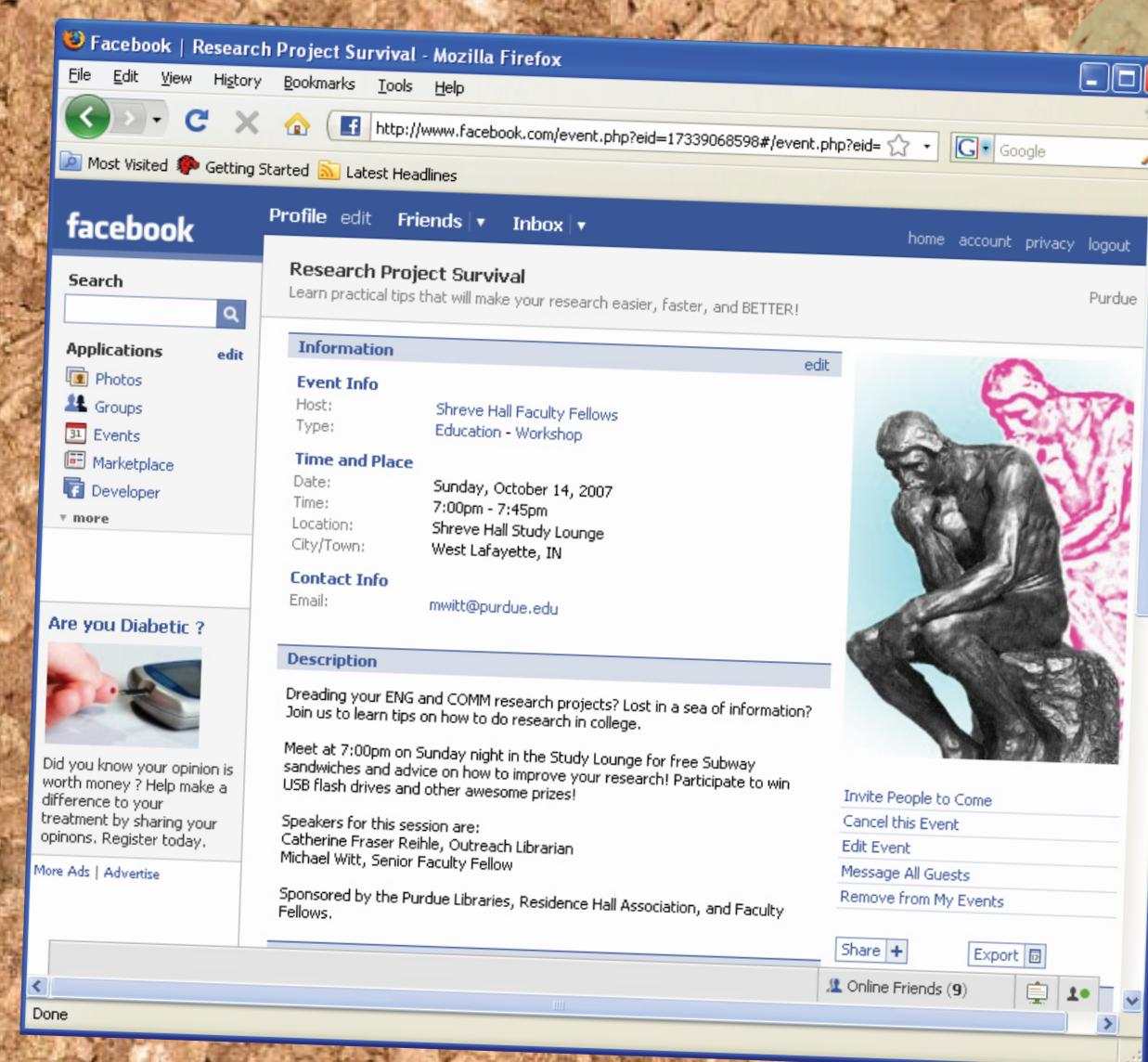
1. What is something useful you **learned** and/or something you **enjoyed** about this session?

2. What is something you **wish you'd learned** and/or something you'd **change** about this session?

"I learned how to focus my Google searches and how to use the online library catalog."

"I liked how enthusiastic/caring the presenters were. It seemed like they were presenting this because they actually cared about how we do in college. :-)"

"It was helpful and made me feel more confident and not as stressed out about research papers."



## 5 RESIDENCE HALLS.

Average Attendance = **22** Participants.

**67** Evaluations Completed.

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