Describe our experiences during a year-long trial of LibGuides at Minnesota State Mankato
Provide insights into implementing LibGuides
Web pages that organize and display library resources
- Electronic resources
- Print resources
- Freely available websites
- Video and other media
- Chat windows, blogs, & RSS feeds

Usually requires no HTML code to create

Used to create online subject guides, online course guides for instruction, and other pages to highlight resources
Library Guides Needs Assessment

- Organization of materials
- Intuitive for patrons
- Increase e-resource promotion
- Administrative ease for librarians
- Incorporating emerging and traditional technologies
- Compatibility with course management system (Desire2Learn)
- Hosted externally
- EZ Proxy friendly
CONCERNS

- Organizing/planning
- Training and documentation
- Time to load/maintain
- $$
Six months to choose a vendor
ONE YEAR TRIAL BEGINS

- Loading database records
  - Importing from Serials Solutions
  - Input was relatively easy
  - Clean-up on Aisle 6, please!

- Good time to clean up our A-Z list
  - What is our scope?
  - Remove most “freebies”
  - Remove single journals and single books
A-Z Resource List

This guide contains a full list of resources organized by name.

Last update: Mar 4th, 2011

URL: http://libguides.mnsu.edu/content.php?pid=109274

ABI/INFORM Complete
Provides citations, abstracts, and selected full text to articles about all aspects of business, including advertising, marketing, economics, human resources, management, finance, taxation.

Academic Search Premier
Provides citations and abstracts to articles, as well as full text of articles from over 4,600 publications, covering almost every academic subject.

Access World News
Provides full text news articles from over 600 U.S. and over 500 International sources. Includes access to full text articles from the following Duluth News Tribune, St. Cloud Times, St. Paul Pioneer Press, and Star Tribune. Also includes full text articles from major newspapers, such as the Christian Science Monitor, Washington Post, and London Times.

AccessScience
The “look” of the system
- Cascading style sheets

Fall semester:
organizing class guides
- Default LibGuides homepage
- Organizing a class guides page with an API box
LibGuides organize guides with “subject categories”
We used an API box to list our class guides with a “fall 10” tag.
CREATING SUBJECT GUIDES

- **Spring Semester:** Combining class & subject guides
- Developing subject categories
Created subject categories based on librarian discussions.
SUBJECT CATEGORY EXAMPLE

LibGuides Subjects: History

Browse by Subjects
- Anthropology
- Art
- Biological Sciences
- Business
- Class Guides
- Communication Disorders
- Communication Studies
- Computer & Information Sciences
- Construction Management
- Counseling & Student Personnel
- Economics
- Education

Subject Guide

Class Guide

HIST 495: Senior Seminar - US Foreign Relations (Loayza)
by Daardi Sizemore - last updated on Jan 27th, 2011

HIST 602: Topics and Issues in African History (Odinga)
by Daardi Sizemore - last updated on Jan 18th, 2011

Minnesota Topics
by Daardi Sizemore - last updated on Jan 10th, 2011

US History
by Daardi Sizemore -
TRAINING LIBRARIANS

- Learning the LibGuides language
  - Tab vs. page
  - Copy vs. link/reuse
- Creating different content boxes
A tab is considered a page. The tabs collectively are considered a guide.
CONTENT BOXES

Authors can create new, link to/reuse, or copy information in LibGuides.

20 different boxes to add content to a guide. Great for displaying information. Can be confusing for librarians learning the system.
Checkout our toolbox at libguides.mnsu.edu/toolbox
Balancing time teaching within a LibGuide and teaching the library website in general
How to promote a trial system?
Instruction sessions are prevalent venue to promote LibGuides
Easy to link to course management system
Highlighting customized guide content for class assignments
CUSTOMIZING GUIDES FOR ASSIGNMENTS

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MANKATO

ENG 101-Community & Campus Resources

Community and Campus Search

The Google box below searches community and campus sites including:

- Cities of Mankato & North Mankato
- Blue Earth County
- Nicollet County
- Mankato Free Press
- MSU Reporter
- Mankato/North Mankato Chamber of Commerce
- MSU Website
- KEYC TV
- KTOE Radio

Navigating the Web Module

This module (6 minutes, 15 seconds), with optional 10 question quiz, investigates whether freely available websites are appropriate for assignments as well as describes website evaluation tips, fee based websites, and another type of

http://libguides.mnsu.edu/eng101cc
ASSESSMENT & FEEDBACK

- LibGuides statistics
- Student, faculty, and librarian comments
- Online surveys
System collects various usage statistics.

### LibGuides Statistics

System-wide usage statistics and detailed statistics for all your guides.

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#### Select Your Report
- ENG 101-Composition

#### Report Year
- 2011

#### Display Format
- Standard: Best for viewing within your web browser

Run Report

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Hello

A user sent feedback for the page http://demo.libguides.com/content.php?pid=106155&sid=798264 (Health Care Journals - Journals)

Was this information helpful: Don't know

Comments: 'If it pulls up exactly like this and I can find any database that deals with the health care field, I find it helpful.'

How useful is this page/guide: 3
### Survey Responses

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Positive Responses

- This is a great way to help with classes that have library tours. Any class where there is a paper assigned should have a guide like this. Thanks for making this!
- I really appreciate this new library resource. I didn't really come across many new things I didn't have before, but it is incredibly helpful to have them all in one convenient place. If there is some kind of application you can add that will research and write our papers for us, I would suggest that. Otherwise I can't think of anything that's missing. Thanks for making my life easier.

Room-for-Improvement Responses

- Visually bulky. Great information.
- Seems like a lot of information but with some looking around it will get easier. It's just a matter of playing around and researching different topics.
WHERE ARE WE NOW?

- Faculty discuss this Friday
- Template requirements?
- Team creation and maintenance of subject guide pages for all general academic areas?
  - Creation deadline
- Yearly cleaning and best practice reminders?
After the session, feel free to contact us:

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