Designing Collaborations: How Librarians & Faculty Can Encourage Student Learning Using Group Multimedia Spaces

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Why We Became Interested in Group Multimedia Spaces

- Increasing number of group assignments
- Increasing number of technology-driven assignments
- No space for group work in Library that also provided computers



Our Plan

- 2013 Tier 1 SUNY IITG- \$10,000
- Set up Collaborative Student Space
- Pilot program with faculty member
- Creative multimedia assignments
- Show need for CSS





Set-Backs

- Price and model changed for Media:scape mini and laptops
- Timeline
- Requisition issues



Solutions

- Price and model changed for Media:scape mini and laptop Redid Budget and scaled back equipment
- Timeline

Adjusted and worked with faculty member to align it with Academic Calendar/Syllabi

 Requisition issues Crossed fingers...and toes



MediaScape CSS



The CSS is born!

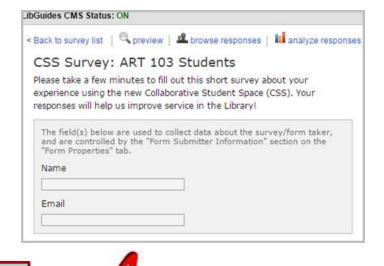
Positive Steps

- Partnership/Pilot program with Art class
- LibGuide for both <u>Art Class</u> assignment and <u>CSS</u> Use
- Online booking calendar (Thank you LibCal!)
- <u>Trained staff</u> and established <u>User agreement</u> and Electronic Device & Equipment Policy



Successful Outcomes

- Online survey for Art students at the end of the semester was overwhelmingly positive
- Amazing group projects and individual essays from – students



Challenges

- ITS faculty involvement
- Laptop Checkout: Staff Buy-In
- End-User Agreements
- Space: Students would like more!
- Online Calendar: Getting everyone onboard



Additional Study Spaces

- Turned L315, a seldom-used classroom, into a room for studying/group work
- Started with NUR105 students ONLY
- Great results
- Expanded to all Nursing Students
- Hope to update room and expand program





9 Workstations	Instructor Station	80 inch Monitor
Table with 6 Chairs	Chalkboard	Printer

Room 315 Success Story

1. LibCal Calendar for Group Signup

1. Key Checkout at Circulation

✓ LibCal Shortcut on Circ. Computers

✓Verification of Group

=Happy Students



Media Reserve Room

- Former Periodicals Stacks
- Study Room for Anatomy and Physiology Students



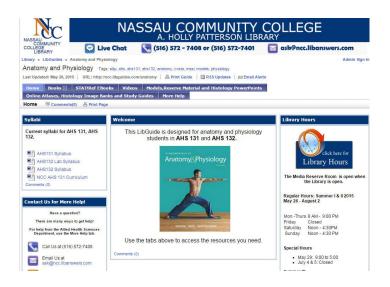




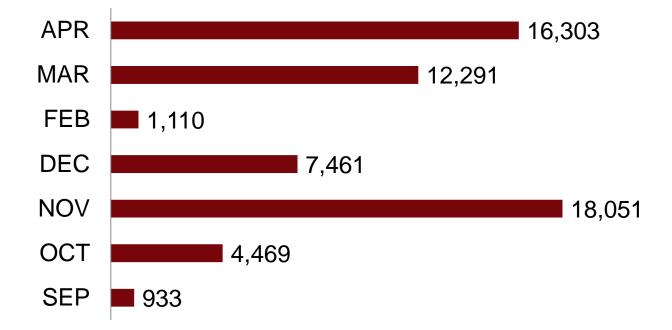
Partnership with AHS Dept.

- ✓ Grant-Funded Technical Assistant from AHS
- ✓ Anatomic Models
- ✓ Microscopes & Slides
- ✓ Smart Board
- Tables and Chairs for 65

Anatomy LibGuide



Models and Items Used



Challenges

L 315: Student Study

Media Reserve

- Training Circulation staff
- Group lateness
- Syncing Arrival, time slot and key checkout

- Noise
- Student Overflow
- Staff buy-in



Present & Future Plans

- Faculty apply to use the CSS each semester-Continuing next year?
- New collaborations



- Expand practice of lending devices
- Hope to expand pilot and purchase additional CSS equipment
- Created additional group study spaces



Questions or Comments?

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