

Ready to Meet the Future: New Roles for Academic Librarians

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+ Agenda

- Technology Changes
- Evolving Roles
- **■**Future Information Professionals
- Opportunities
- Questions





*Technology Trends

- ■Libraries are becoming "bookless"...
- ■Technology is becoming mobile, virtual, cloudless, social, location-based, gesture-controlled ...



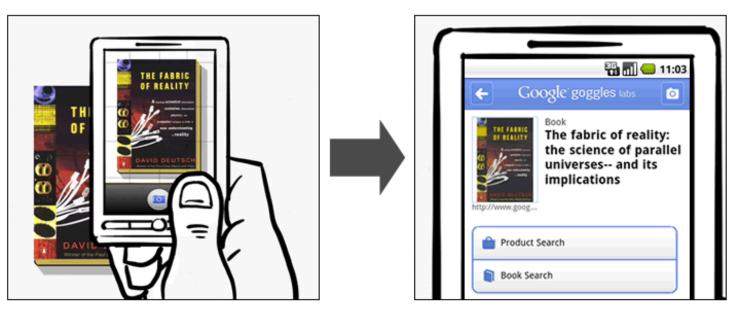


Google Goggles

Google Goggles in action

Click the icons below to see the different kinds of objects and places you can search for using Google Goggles.







Diff-IE

Find changes in long lists of text

It can be hard to see changes in long lists of text, but Diff-IE We rarely remember prices, but Diff-IE does. Here, the prices of identifies these automatically.



See new or different search results

Search results can change in may ways ranking, snippets, titles, and ads can all change.

S.T. Dunsii (2009). An introdisciplinary perspective on information retrieval. (Skite.) SIGIR 2009. Sulton Award Lecture.
 S.T. Dunsii (2009). Evaluating IR in stru. (Skides.) SIGIR 2009 Workshop on The Future of IR Evaluation, Institud Talk.



Track price changes

these HP workstations dropped.



Quickly find forum activity

At a glance, Diff-IE shows which forum threads are active.





Quora

Quora Design: **Add Question** Home Inbox Sandy Hirsh Settings Logout

Concepts Aesthetics

Design @ Edit

Design is the visualization of an artifact of human culture that does not appear in nature that has emergent properties when realized in some medium as physically constructed. However, in retrospect it is possible to see t... (more) Ø Edit



Browse Latest Activity Open Questions (160) Add Your Answer

Best Questions (34)

Best Questions

How many hours are you able to log in a day? (on average)

Question added to topic Design. 2:58pm • 0 Answers • Follow

Should I focus on getting a good UX or getting something quick out of the

In Internet Startups: Answer added in topic Design. 1:44pm • 10 Answers • Follow

7 Scott Jenson, Mobile UX designer, Google

I LOVE questions like this because it gives me a great chance to rail against the misconceptions of UX. What this question implies is that the only real issues in shipping ... (more)

How can Design help Public Libraries?

Answer added in topic Design. 12:34pm • 2 Answers • Follow

3 Lindan Courtemanche, Creative producer of unconventio... Here are 3 themes you might consider when developing a creative brief for the design of a library:

... (more)

What are the best online tools for storyboarding a website?

Answer added in topic Design. 12:05pm • 15 Answers • Follow

1 Rodrigo Carriel

Personally, i like pencil cause its free, easy to use and you can make/add your own stencil/collections . Now, balsamiq is way more powerfull but paid.

How do I make a cast of jewelry?

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All Changes

Your Topic Bio

Describe your Design experience

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Adam Rifkin

29 Answers Imagination is more important than knowledge.



Jason Putorti 31 Answers I fight for the user.





Rebekah Cox 16 Answers



Share Topic - Invite Users



Subtopics

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Evolving Roles

Evolving roles

- "The challenge for academic libraries is to create compelling information services and to make digital content available in a way that our user community will find not only acceptable, but tailored to their needs."
 - J.K. Lippincott, 2010 "A mobile future for academic libraries"



Looking back 10 years ago

- Libraries will become functions rather than places.
- Libraries will become user focussed rather than collection centred.
- Information will become cheap, but of questionable quality.
- Users will be more distributed, yet we will need to know more about them.
- Libraries will add value to information to provide more appropriate resources.
- The core processes of organising information will diversify into creating user focussed, personalised systems addressing all kinds of information.
- Libraries will comprise a mixture of professionals with changing boundaries and alliances.
- Routine work will be shed in the pursuit of improving the student experience.
 - J. Akeroyd (2001). "The Future of Academic Libraries."

Changes and Trends

- Delivery of higher education (moving online)
- Access to information expanding (mobile, cloud computing, more distributed)
- Higher education budgets (shrinking)
- Need to demonstrate value (assessments, differentiate offerings from google, information literacy needs)
- Service expectations and needs (embedded librarians, improved user experiences, shifting focus from collections to services)

Changing Times

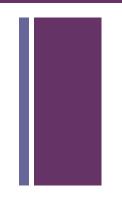
"I've come to think that managing our uncertain future is about achieving fitness: adapting to change, staying relevant." - Stephen J. Bell

Employment Trends

■Agencies outside of libraries experienced an increase in reported placements from just over 15% (2008) to over 27% (2009)

- Library Journal Placement and Salary Survey 2010







Opportunities outside of libraries

- Database development
- ■Reference tool development
- ■Information systems
- Publishing
- ■Internet coordination
- Marketing
- ■Web content management and design
- Training of database users

*Emerging Job Titles

- Emerging Technologies Librarian
- Web Content Manager
- ■Information Architect
- Usability Analyst
- ■Information Specialist
- Digital Collections Metadata Librarian
- ■Virtual Services Manager
- Digital Assets Librarian

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Highly requested skills

- ■Teaching/instruction
- Web design and maintenance
- Knowledge of metadata standards for digital content
- Knowledge of integrated library systems
- Ability to create online tutorials

Escobosa, C. (2010). Library and information careers: emerging trends and titles.

LIS skills are highly relevant

■"LIS skills are good currency in this world – but only for those with the flexibility and insight to exploit the opportunities." - Stephen Abrams



Preparing future LIS professionals

SLIS Overview

■Largest accredited LIS school in the world

- 2500 graduate students
- Students in 45 states and 17 countries
- Faculty on 3 continents

■Program fully online

■ Ranked #1 by *U.S. News & World Report* for LIS e-learning



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http://slisweb.sjsu.edu/slis/maps/slisstudentsmap20

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Evolution to Global eCampus



First course taught at SJSU

1998: WWW courses 2009:
All courses
delivered
online











1995:

Interactive video courses

2001:

First fully online class offered



Guest Speakers



Online Delivery



Online Discussions

- Discussion boards
- Live online discussions

Instructor Lectures

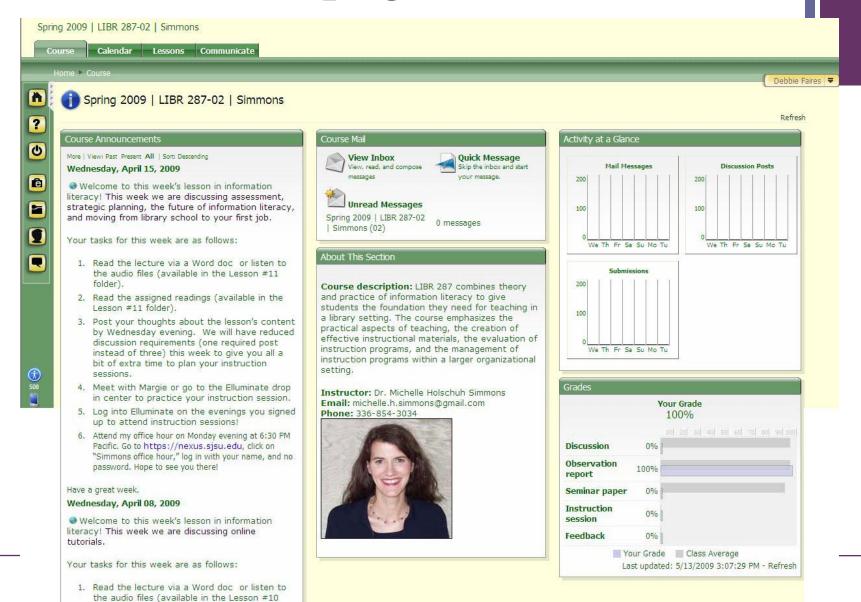
- Web conferencing
- Audio podcasts
- Narrated slide presentations or screencasts
- Video lectures captioned
- Audio lecture transcripts

Informal Interactions

- Optional "office hours" via live web conferencing
- Chat via email, on blogs, or on the School's Facebook page.



Course Homepage in LMS



Meetings/Tours on Second Life

Archivists/Records
Administrators
(ARA)
Student Group

Join us in the Roman Senate



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Introduce new courses

- ■Web 3.0 Emerging Trends in Libraries
- Using Social Media for Competitive Research
- Information Entrepreneurship
- Digital Asset Management
- Implications and Applications for New Media
- **■**Information Environments

Additional programs offered

- **■**Executive MLIS
- Master of Archives and Records Administration (MARA)
- San Jose Gateway PhD program -Queensland University of Technology
- ■Teacher-Librarian Program

SLIS Focus on Research

- Research Methods is a required course for everyone
- Gateway PhD Program, with Queensland University of Technology, Fall 2008
- SLIS Student Research Journal, Spring 2011
- SLIS Research Center, coming in Fall 2011
 - Advance the School's vision and mission: contribute to the development and well-being of the varied communities we serve.
 - Specialize in applied research: technical assistance, researchbased services, consulting services, etc.



Academic Libraries Curriculum

- Academic Libraries course (LIBR 230) offered 2-3 times per year
- Academic Libraries specialization area
- Selected issues addressed (combination of theoretical and practical skills):
 - Communication skills for groups and individuals
 - Delivery of services in both physical and virtual environments
 - Marketing own skills
 - Managing special collections
 - Conducting research



Many relevant elective choices

- Information Literacy
- Instructional Strategies
- Digital Humanities
- Government Information
- Special Collections in a Web 2.0 World
- Library Services for Distance Learners
- Maps and Geographic Information Systems
- Science and Technology
- Web 2.0

- Automated Library Systems
- Systems Analysis
- Leadership
- Web Programming and Design
- Digital Copyright
- Grant Writing
- Digital Libraries
- Digitization and Digital Preservation
- Open Movement and Libraries
- Also archives, preservation, collection management, XML, metadata, cataloging etc.



Academic Library Internships

Cushing Library, Holy Names University

Work with music scores that represent a mix of copy-cataloging and original cataloging.

■ Dubai Women's College

 Distance or on-site. Work in one or more of three core areas within the library: Electronic & Digital Reference Services, Instructional Development & Information Literacy, Collection Development & Analysis.

■ Hope International University, Darling Library

- Assist in the development of online library resources. Possible projects include usability testing, usage metrics, database management, feasibility studies, development of web applications, Web 2.0, XML, coding, development of MS Access Reports, and interface design.
- Other Internships available at: http://slisapps.sjsu.edu/libr294/index.php



What graduates of our program are doing...

- Tenure-track Instruction Librarian, MiraCosta College (North San Diego County)
 - Entails implementing and overseeing a campus-wide information literacy program. Oversees for-credit library science courses, library orientations, instructional handouts, web-based instructional tools (learning modules, online tutorials, etc.), and working with classroom faculty to integrate information literacy into their curricula.
- Founding Head of New Center for Digital Learning and Research, Occidental College
 - Enables student and faculty success in the rapidly changing world of digital scholarship. Brings together a group of technology, library science, and media experts who could help the faculty use technology in their teaching whether learning how to podcast, publish on a digital scholarship platform, or master the intricacies of Moodle, an open source learning management system.
- First Digital Archivist, Stanford University
 - Develops best practices for acquiring, capturing, processing, and describing borndigital materials.
- Other stories available at: http://slisapps.sjsu.edu/blogs/meet/?cat=25

Create your own future

■ "The future is not some place we are going, but one we are creating. The paths to it are not found but made, and the activity of making them changes both the maker and the destination." John Schaar



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Opportunities

Ways you can engage

- Get an intern
- Encourage staff to continue with their education
- Collaborate/partner on research projects
- Attend a Trendy Topics and/or Colloquium session
- Consider teaching for us
- Other ideas?

+ Questions?

- ■Thank you!
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