Open Sourcing Ideas: Sharing and Recreating a Library Instruction Program

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One of my primary goals for the event was to highlight the importance of proper citation techniques for students. We knew that students often struggle with learning citation styles and may find it challenging to apply them in their assignments. To address this issue, we designed the ExCITING Food workshop to provide a hands-on approach to learning citation styles and to encourage students to engage with the material in a fun and interactive way.

The ExCITING Food workshop was held in the library's student cafe and featured a variety of activities designed to help students practice citation techniques. We started by providing handouts that included information on MLA, APA, and Chicago citation styles. We also set up tables with a variety of cookies made from different recipes, allowing students to practice naming the cookies they made in one citation style (e.g., MLA) and another in APA or Chicago.

In addition, we provided two-sided half-fold brochures with examples of different citation styles and a quiz that students could complete to test their knowledge of citation techniques. We also had a food-related activity where students could participate in a mini-baking competition to learn about the importance of proper citation techniques in cookbooks.

The event was well-received by students, who found it engaging and informative. Many students expressed their appreciation for the hands-on approach to learning citation techniques and the fun and interactive activities. The workshop was a great success, with a high number of participants and positive feedback from attendees.

Overall, the ExCITING Food workshop was a great example of how librarians can use creative and engaging activities to help students learn citation techniques. The workshop also demonstrated the importance of proper citation techniques and how they can be applied in a variety of contexts, such as cookbooks and academic writing.