DISCOVERING STM INFORMATION: A WORKSHOP FOR RESEARCHERS

Introduction:

AGENDA:
Introduction including registering for Refworks
Part 1: Learning your library/information center wherever you are
Part 2: Finding scholarly literature
Part 3: Finding other STM information
Part 4: Using data/information legally and ethically
Wrap-up and one-minute evaluations

OUTCOMES:
1. Recognize how a library/information center provides access to its own collections and to the collections of other institutions.
2. Identify resources which make discovery of high quality STM data/information more efficient and successful.
3. Learn to use the resources in Outcome 2.
4. Be aware of ethical and legal use of information.
5. Use Refworks to create a printable bibliography of items discovered during exercises.
6. Seek the best tool available.

LAP’s SAYINGS:
1. Why spend a lot of time with an information search when my librarian can give me some coaching so it is easier the next time.
2. Not every published item is in digital (electronic) format.
3. Not every electronic resource is available at my library.
4. Electronic resources are not yet mature technology.
5. The Internet is an enormous, unorganized library (not original).
6. Mastery not just adequacy of information discovery skills.
Part 1: Learning your library/information center wherever you are

Brown University Library Homepage

http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/University_Library/

Path –

Brown University Homepage http://www.brown.edu/
   > Quick Links
      > Libraries

Main navigation to
1. Online catalog
2. Directory of e-resources
3. More borrowing options
4. Metasearch of most e-resources (InfoGate)

1. Online catalog – Josiah after Josiah Carberry
   (http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/University_Library/ibs/hay/carberry.htm)
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Quick search > nanotechnology in the title

Result > each is a link to a list of records or a single record. Can be book or chapter title
Quick search –
Unforgiving nature of Josiah
Refining search

Subject Heading
(assigned by human based on standard)
Related subjects

Scope (focus) on items cataloged as Web Resources
Limit Search:
Sort by year
Result:

2. Directory to e-resources

Check out:
Databases A to Z
E-Journals A to Z
E-Book Collections & Major Texts

Off-campus access service (essential to use some databases and services)

Google Scholar

Resource guides for departments,

2006
3. More borrowing options

Need a book workflow –
InRhode (yes or no) if yes, make request. Pick up only at the Rock. If no >
BorrowDirect (several Ivys except Harvard)
BD or Virtual Catalog (many Boston schools except MIT)

Enter Library patron number on Brown ID starting with 2-1236.

Choice of BD or VC not important.

If book is found, make a request. If no>

If book is found (yes), make a request. If no>
ILLiad (Interlibrary loan) – mediated by Library staff; essential to register before first-time use

For article delivery to desktop, be sure to choose “Electronic Delivery if possible.”
For any ILLiad transaction it is extremely important to provide as much accurate information as possible since a staff member has to verify before seeking a copy. You may get communication(s) from the ILLiad requesting clarification. This will slow processing.

For a loan (of a book) the form looks like

Need an article workflow – Check SFX citation linker (aka find it@brown)
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If yes, access is available because of an electronic and/or print subscription. If no>

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4. Metasearch of most e-resources (InfoGate)
If you need additional coaching, please sign up for a PASS class at http://comped.brown.edu/index.php or set up a session with your librarian.