IT’S A MARATHON, NOT A SPRINT
Planning That Will Go the Distance at Your Library

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SURVEY SAID...TIME FOR A CHANGE!

- Freshman Seminar and English Composition 1 & 2 are core classes at the Pitt Greensburg campus.
- Student feedback for our instruction sessions often included comments like “we already heard this in Comp 1 or 2 / Freshman Seminar.”
A few hours at a time were spent working on this over the summer.

Rather than overhaul everything, we focused on a few courses.

We revised these sessions to include more active learning and make existing differences between the sessions more pronounced.

We kept changes manageable based on the resources available.
ENGLISH COMPOSITION 1

Then

- Lecture-style introduction to library resources, such as PITTCat (catalog) and Academic Search Premier
- Content was similar to sessions in Freshman Seminar, which was not a required course at that time

Now

- Students work in groups to prepare presentations for classmates about research tools like PITTCat+ (Summon) and Credo Reference
- Librarians answer questions, but students are responsible for teaching each tool to peers
ENGLISH COMPOSITION 2

Then

- Review LibGuide; discuss finding background information and evaluating sources
- Demonstrate Points of View Reference Center and Academic Search Premier
- Some sessions included hands-on searching & worksheets

Now

- Database search component is done prior to library session ("flipped")
- Librarians review student work and address sticking points at start of session
- Main session activity is group analysis of source types in real-world scenario
Of 4219 students surveyed post-instruction since Fall 2010, all but 50 either Agreed or Strongly Agreed that they would feel comfortable using the library or asking for a librarian’s help.
We have experienced an increase in research consultations, which we attribute in part to connections made during information literacy instruction.
## Picking Up the Pace

A 272.72% increase in research consultations over 5 years!

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