LibGuides November 2007 Training Sessions

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Based on what you know about LibGuides, what three words or phrases would you use to describe this tool? (Such as "easy to use", "complex", "Web 2.0 terrific", "waste of money", etc.)

(30 Responses)

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<td>One of the better Web 2.0 tools available for librarians. Makes it easy to handle multimedia, podcasts, RSS feeds, etc. Gives me lots of ideas about what to do with it</td>
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<td>easy to use AND complex! useful</td>
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<td>web 2.0 terrific helpful for non-techies students will like using it</td>
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<td>very flexible very easy super cool</td>
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<td>nice product user friendly buy it</td>
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<td>useful, professional, nice design and layout, powerful</td>
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<td>Looks very promising; relatively fast learning curve.</td>
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<td>straightford much better than huge webpage of resources that need to be scrolled through exciting</td>
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2. What does LibGuides do well?

Makes it easy to add and remove things. The examples and videos are very helpful.
Organizes access information.

- Supporting Multimedia - Ease of Use - Improves accessibility and searching for users - Increases access to interdisciplinary library content - Have the potential to boost creativity - Empowers librarians by reducing the dependence on software programmers
organizes info well explains features well
array of sources available
very quick way to put up and maintain a guide.
lays out content areas well
allow for various tabs, allow linking, star rankings, inclusion of various media, Web 2.0 features
Add all different types of content easily.
lends itself well to the way we structure our subject and class pages; incorporates visual media well
makes it really easy to create guides. could be used in a lot of other ways as well.
add content, links
Breaking down information into discrete units Foregrounding librarians Beguiling users
They've added 2.0 features in a simple to use admin. It updates the look of our subject and class guides and puts
us in the age of Web 2.0. I think the features like comments and 'featured librarian' will make us more accessible
and friendly to our users.
easy to create engaging multimedia guides
provides templates
uniform style and allows collaboration
It is very easy to use
makes it very easy to link out, incorporate info from multiple sites
Organize and simplify access to information
connects to the greater world of information--able to collaborate well with colleagues and possibly students
easy to start easy to update, change
Ability to immediately mount a lot of text with relativel minimal effort, tabbing is appropriate and fairly intuitive.
adds more interest to the usual flat subject guides
It will benefit the CUL users.
sort the information in to easy to find tabbed locations
user friendly for nontechies dynamic; interactive
help organize guides-
Easy editing boxes
share CUL web pages with CUL staff

3. What does LibGuides not do well?

Customization and Layout are limited to what they have.
Not sure as yet. The look is not as polished. But I will need to play with the features a little more to learn about its
pros and cons.
not sure yet - need more time with it.
not sure yet
give complete control over layout and style
hard to tell without using it more
cutting and pasting our old guides into LibGuides will not be quick - one has to cut/paste each record one at a time -
(title, URL, description separately.) There is a lot of back and forth between windows. Being able to copy and share
common database descriptions would be helpful.
Not sure. Outstanding question about link checks. Could use a better font/size default.
not sure yet
haven't played with it long enough but there is probably something. For one it might be nice to syndicate libguides
content out into other places - can it do that?
taylor interface to individual library websites - create similar look and feel with color, top bar, etc.
It’s flexible, but also slightly constraining. Otherwise, what can I say? It’s great!
Of course, it’s not as customizable as one would like and I expected to be able to move my boxes around (like on
netvibes and facebook) instead of toggling, but I’m sure that will come with time.
not enough knowledge
Smaller header would be nice; a little bit restricted
is not very flexible
some of the formatting may be a little clunky, but I'd have to experiment a little more to give a real user's comments
on this system
layout control
Seems a bit rigid in terms of box presentation, but clearly there are ways around this for more advanced users.
not sure yet
It's user friendly while one needs more "Facebook" related knowledge and info.
cannot answer without playing some more
can't tell yet
not sure yet
Customize presentation- (colors, library identity is in question)
can't give opinion yet

4. If no, why not?
Yes, if you can't get someone in IT to write up a program similar to this.
it gives people the opportunity to aggregate all their research resources in one place, AND it's easy to use!
No isn't my real answer. I don't know yet. It's nice and interactive. when I first visited a library site that uses
libguides, I was confused. It's not immediately intuitive to the novice user how to navigate.
I need to know cost/vs benefits

5. Please add any other comments you might have about LibGuides.
Thanks!
Could just get librarians to develop their own guides that's html base or something free.
Need to practice more, but looks promising.
When can we start getting serious about creating content?
The library needs a product like this one.
Be patient with staff - I'm eager to use this, but it will take me a while to convert all my handouts to it.
Will be extremely useful at Law.
this will really help us to bring our subject resources to the attention of many more users
that's a qualified yes. Adopting it has a lot of implications for existing library web pages and sites. If we want
everyone to adopt it that might be problematic. Using it for non-subject guide type projects - which it might be great
for - would we want to/can we keep that content segregated from the sort of standard subject guides? If those
questions can be resolved, it's a pretty neat tool.
With libraries that have implemented this product, HAVE THE STUDENTS USED THE RESEARCH GUIDES
MORE THAN BEFORE? Have there been student surveys to see if THEY like libguides as a product?
Awesome product & you guys are doing a fabulous job. Right on LG4!
Please get this product soon!!!
Let's buy it!
What is the purpose? Is it to give guides a consistent look? To allow collaboration?
There is potential for librarians to mess up the good points of Lib Guides by making overly complicated guides. I am
concerned about guides just becoming another tool to use, but not being used well.
Could use more layout, design options.
As I mentioned before, I'd like to play around with the system a little more, but it seems to be very flexible and a
useful tool. I've been working on figuring out how to make it easy to evaluate and comment on trials of e-resources,
and I like the voting feature that is built into libguides.
I'm looking forward to presenting this to my unit library. I hope we go with this service!
This has such great potential! Thank you so much.
-great to see a tool available across all CUL -would be helpful to have regular sharing sessions -make a libguide on
best practices for creating/managing/using libguides
impressed with the guides already published- looking forward to creating some!
Thank you for all your effort and time.
Very exciting would love to see us able to test this with instruction session starting in January 2008!!!!
I would definitely like to use this for a departmental - CUL internal use
would be useful to get comments from my user audience
Would you recommend that the Library purchase LibGuides?
(30 Responses)

- Yes: 27
- No: 3