Getting Started - An Overview of Trinity College Library's New Interactive Tutorial

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Why?

- Traditionally during Freshers' Week, students were brought after their Library tour to a one hour tutorial from I.S. Services staff. During the final 10 minutes of this tutorial, the students worked through a Library presentation that covered: location of Library collections, title search, borrowing material, requesting items from Closed Access, the DIY library (accessing their user record to renew & reserve material) & where to seek further help...
• In 2006 I.S. Services decided to scrap the introductory session and move to a web-based tutorial – so where did this leave us?

• The majority of Subject Librarians had been able to impart this type of information (in more detail) in embedded Information Skills Training in previous years, but would that be the case this year?
Objectives

• A self-directed tutorial for classroom situations where students were without Library Skills Training embedded in their academic courses

• Freely available on the web, with the individual course elements (modules) presented on a Library webpage

• Scalable, so future modules could be added with little disruption
Out with the old...

- What follows is the initial storyboard used to create the first module of the Getting Started guide. This was written from scratch.

- Most of the other modules were adapted from presentations given by TCD librarians as part of embedded Information Skills Training.
Welcome to Trinity College Library’s Interactive Tutorial
About the Library

• This section will show you:

• General information about TCD Library.
• Where libraries are located, and where specific subjects can be found.
About the Library

• Since the foundation of Trinity in 1592, the Library has played a vital role advancing education, scholarship and research in Ireland. It is the largest library in the country, with users able to access over 4 million items and 26,000 electronic journals. The Library is custodian of the internationally renowned Book of Kells and as a copyright library is entitled to claim a copy of every British and Irish publication.
About the Library

- The main college libraries are located on campus, with the John Stearne Medical Library situated at St. James’s Hospital. Some material is “open access” and available on the shelves; other items must be requested from “closed access” storage, either from bookstacks on campus or the Santry Book Repository.

- Click on the different libraries on the following map to get more information and see which subjects are located there.
About the Library

- INTERACTIVE MAP
About the Library

• Visit us on the web at http://www.tcd.ie/library
• Here you will find further help, opening hours, access to the catalogue, databases and electronic journals, and guides to your subject.
• Each library also has a “duty librarian” available, to answer questions you have relating to the Library, in person.
...and in with the new!

- So that’s the storyboard. Here’s what it looks like in the finished version...
Considerations

- Software?


Trying this in your institution? This freeware is similar – Wink - [http://www.debugmode.com/wink/](http://www.debugmode.com/wink/)
Getting Started Guide

A new interactive tutorial giving essential information on services.

Articles
- John Stewart Medical Library - disruption to services
- ISRL: Humanities & Social Sciences Initiative
- Automated Stack Requests
- iReach Hall Catalogues
- Link to Times Higher Education Supplement Rankings

Library Resources
- Online catalogue, databases, subject guides, off-campus access...
- Opening hours, admissions, collections, find a book...
- Borrowing, library staff, user record, copying...
- Guides, FAQ, online tutorials, survival skills...

Heritage Visitors
- Old Library Building
- Book of Kells, events, campus tours...

Library Shop
- College merchandise, books, clothing...

Save the Treasures
- Old Library preservation
The future

- Keep up to date with any changes to catalogue
- Add modules for postgraduates and staff
- Add module for ASR (Automated Stacks Requests) when comes online for undergraduates