4_24_2015 Minutes

Minutes for Libguides 2.0 Meeting
4.24.2015
In attendance: Emily, Susan, Amy, Keely, Luke, Sarah, Spruill, Scott, Cliff, Dhy, Leslie
Open session held yesterday 4.23.2015
Visual representation of the virtual reference of the LibGuides 2 Project Home
Slides are available on the LibGuides open meeting page

Feedback:

- Received feedback forms from the RTL forums, though haven’t had a time to review them as of yet.
- Lots of questions at the end of the session. Luke plans to input these questions into a FAQ format on the Project Home page.

Emily received an added question in regards to the forum:

- Citing images, Odile is very concerned about the book information does not come from HOLLIS+ because you cannot link from HOLLIS+. Luke said you would have to input information manually

The turnout was 34 people from RTL shares and this group, the presenters were not counted. Great turn out! Though when there is another session, should probably cut back on food due to the excess of leftovers

Drop in sessions:

- 3 sessions as of date
  - First session no one attended
  - Second session 5 people attended
  - Third session only one person attended
  - Another drop in session scheduled for next week

CSS drop in session approaching as well scheduled for the 27th of April. This will be held at Mt. Auburn
Luke wants to wait and see if people show up, before advertising the May drop-in session.
Susan brought up the point that libguides are not on some people’s radar, Luke suggested tabling drop-in sessions until after commencement. Will depend on the turn out for the 27th session

Updates on usability testing:

- Amy mentioned five tests so far, and five or six sessions scheduled for next week. After that, there may be information to report

Libguides 2 Project Home page discussion:

- If you are comfortable with your guides, go ahead and publish your guides
- Site is publically accessible, so please input information you only want to be seen
- Exploring different college libguide layouts
  - Most are using the default layout
  - BC is using more of a customized layout
- May have a homepage similar to Cornell, but it would be significantly longer
- Offers the ability to customize
- Likes the section called “skill guides”
  - Currently have “how to guides” though “skill guides” would be a broader range of topics
- Penn State Research Guides
  - Search as their focal point; search results are interesting
  - A-Z list of all the guides
- University of Wisconsin
  - More realistically what the Harvard libguides will look like
  - Looks like controlled vocabulary used for their subjects
  - More detailed list of subjects compared to Harvard
  - No tabs or side notes, used a mobile/hidden navigation bar
  - Very clean aesthetic, full width of the screen

Layout
Luke mentioned revamping the look of the website but not having the content contained in a “box”. Rather having the content fill the page. Though he mentioned he does not want to do any drastic changes. Would want to consider discussing a new template with the Portal

- Perhaps there will be a multi-column type of list, with search features added.
- Home page can be customized but there is only one version of the guide.
- Amy mentioned of using the HOLLIS+ bar instead of the portal. There is a lack between systems.
  - Luke mentioned there may not be a path from the HOLLIS+ page to the Research guides page
  - Can we keep branding consistency without matching the portal completely?
  - There is interests in trying out a different style
  - Susan mentioned if we use the portal will it be confusing to patrons to have to use the top or side navigation bar; wants to keep it as minimal as possible. Simplified version of the portal
    - Luke mentioned that the current libguide homepage has a very minimalistic aesthetic to it
If the portal is not being used for most research guides, then it may be best to focus on the guides themselves rather than the look of the portal. Luke will look into Springshare to see how they weight questions and how people are searching.

- Control F has been a way of searching, though has its disadvantages.
- Luke mentioned how Springshare hides some of their options behind icons, so the user does not know what is available.