Creating 21st Century Information-Literacy Programs: The Washburn University Model (Topeka, Kansas)

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Is the physical library in the 21st Century Necessary?
“To create information literate graduates the university library must be central to the student experience.”
Washburn University Learning Outcomes

1. Communication (COM)
2. Quantitative and Scientific Reasoning and Literacy (QSRL)
3. Information Literacy and Technology (ILT)
4. Critical and Creative Thinking (CCT)
5. Global Citizenship, Ethics and Diversity (GCED)
How did we assess our efforts?
Assessment

1. Retention: 8% increase for 2009 cohort
2. Student achievement: .37 increase comparison GPA with students not in library college credit courses
3. Student surveys: 84% student satisfaction in library college credit courses
Are we successful?
Events

1. Library traffic has increased 51%
2. University President is now a strong advocate for the library; additional operating funds allocated
3. Academic Support Services moved to the library
4. Second Assistant Dean position created with increased funding
5. Coffee Kiosk added to main level of library
Questions?

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