Librarians Leading Learning Online

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- Met my entomologist husband Rob in the Natural History Museum Library - London
- Two daughters Rosie and Daisy
- Likes: Books, Board Games, Baking











Christchurch City Libraries – Who are we?





Network of 21 city and community libraires – including 2 mobile vans







Public Library services have been in Christchurch for 154 years













Approximately 360 people employed in a variety of roles







Professional Development @ CCL

- Induction/ Service Delivery
- Roving & Customer Service
- Reference Skills
- Reader's Advisory, IT skills, Mending etc.
- Train and Support Library Trainers
- Conferences and External Seminars
- Study Support for Tertiary Qualifications

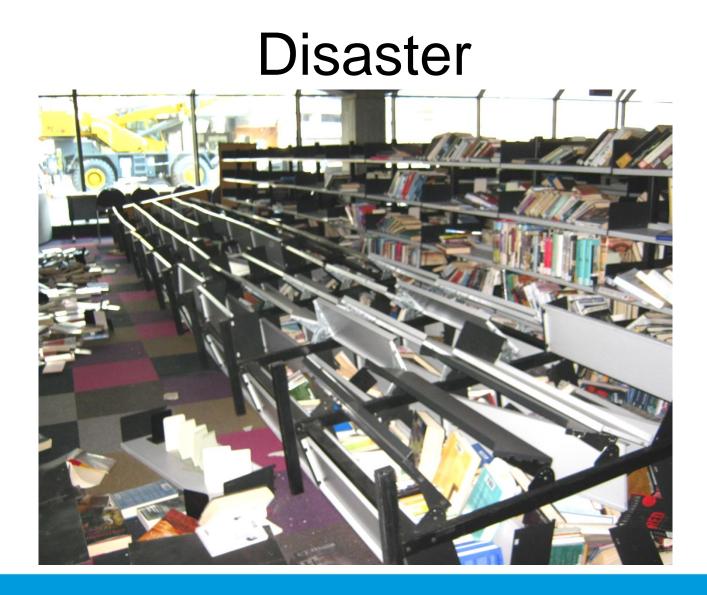
















E-learning – the positives

- Saves time
- Don't have to travel
- Don't need a classroom
- Everyone can do it at different times
- Can make use of quiet times
- Can be done at own pace
- Can be done in comfort of own home/work
- Saves money?





E-learning – the not so positives





Finding the time and place







Motivation to do it







No support if you get stuck







Lack of social interaction







No chocolate biscuits



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Boring







Unfinished





Previously....





2012 – Let's do something new!

- Let's make an online reference skills course!
- Let's make it:
 - Effective
 - Entertaining
 - Engaging
 - Earthquake Proof!





2012 – Let's do something new!

- Realization that Reference Skills are about customer service
- Scenario based problems
- Focused on the real-life tasks not the resources e.g.
 - Information Navigator
 - Reader's Advisor
 - History Guide





Tasks not Resources





Christchurch City Libraries Ngā Kete Wānanga-o-Ōtautahi

2012 Reference Skills Pilot

- Used Moodle on a cloud server
- Ran working bees with existing inhouse trainers to develop online programme
- Focused on Making Learning Entertaining and Informative
- Made our own movies
- Used videos, screencasts, quizzes, lessons





Filmed colleagues in workplace scenarios







Used Camtasia to record on-screen action







2012 Reference Skills Pilot

- Delivered 6 week programme
- 2 face-to-face sessions at the beginning and end
- 8 online modules with approx time 2 hours per week





Some Lessons....





Lessons

- Developers need different skills than trainers.
- Task focus ⇒ good transference of skills
- Participants enjoyed the variety and local examples.
- Primary Barrier Time & negotiating time





What we did this year...





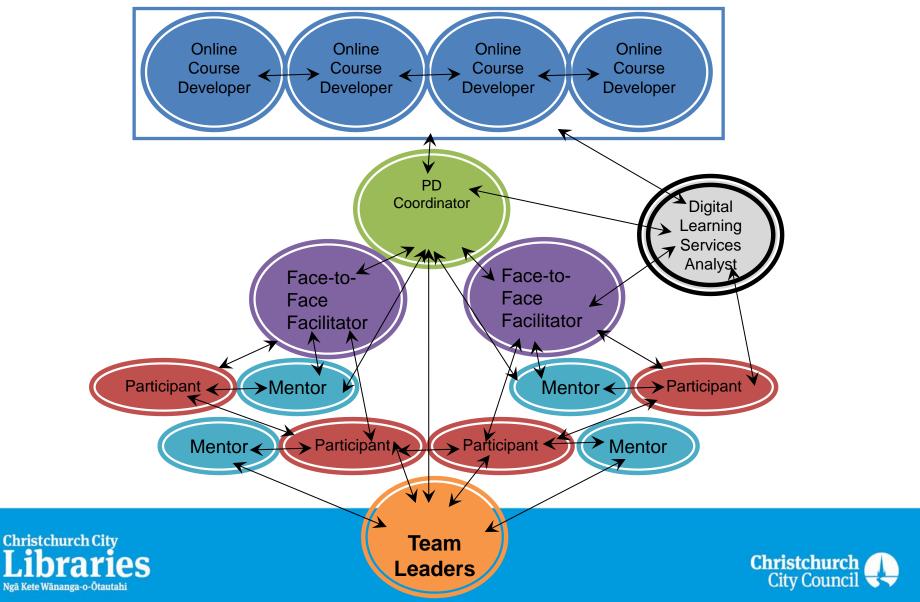
Actions

- Created Course Developer & Facilitator Roles
- New Moodle Server –faster but only accessible from inside the library
- Used lots of different free and cheap software: Camtasia, iMovie, Quicktime, Youtube, Prezi, GoogleDrive, demo version Articulate
- Setup a support network of mentors to advocate for learners





Support Network



What is the name of this course?

- Online Reference Skills Programme?
- Aardvarks to Zulus?
- Find and Deliver?
- Olé (online learning environment)?
- Online Reference Skills Modules?
- Find IT!

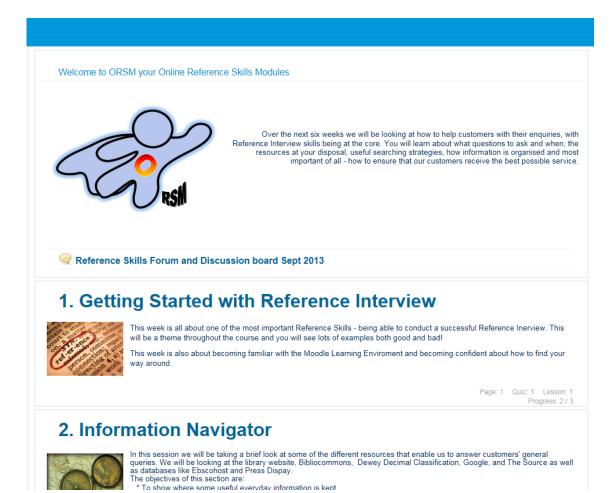
















<2. Information Navigator

3. The Dog Ate My Homework

4. Local Legend>



This week is a chance to familiarise yourself with some of the resources and services that can help with those homework questions. We will look at Bibliocommons, the library website pages for Kids and Teens, online encyclopaedias and other resources from the Source, and how to search Google effectively. Finally, we'll look at the help available from FingerTip and the online chat services LiveOnline and AnyQuestions.

Photo of Scooby, owned by Margot at Fendalton Library

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Video Scenario

As you watch the video, take a note of what Nicole the librarian does well, the resources she uses, and think about whether you would have done anything differently.



















What happened...





Staff had sufficient time and motivation to do the course



Logged In Time	
Estimated Time	16 hours
Average Time	16 hours 50mins
Minimum Time	13 hours 23mins
Maximum Time	25 hours 45 mins

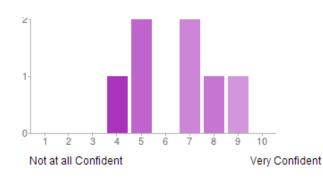


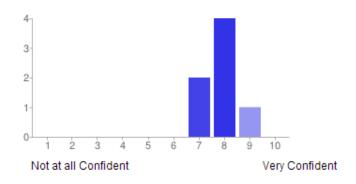


Increased Confidence



Using Library Website to Answer Customer Queries









Transferable Skills

I don't normally use Newspapers and Current Affairs tab and only found about it earlier this year. So, when I came across it again during the training I learned a thing or two. And luckily I remembered it because yesterday a student came up to me looking for a newspaper article on The Press from 2005. I used the skill and knowledge that I learnt on the course to look for it and even gave him an option of either printing it or emailing it (I remember that one because it's one of our tasks). He was really excited that it could be emailed to him and he got the full text, as well So, yeah, one happy customer there and one proud library assistant here.





Other effects of ORSM

- Wide support network has led to wider visibility of ORSM
- Increased skills of Mentors as well as participants
- Mentors and Participants have shared their learning with other staff
- Existing staff as well as new staff keen to participate in ORSM





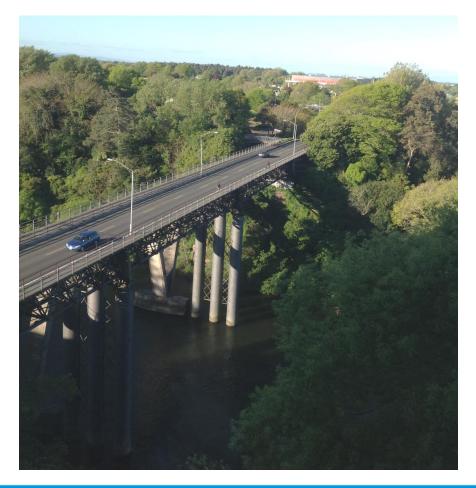
Reflections for the future

- Developers NEED concentrated face-toface time to collaborate
- Content needs to be updated frequently as changes are made to website
- Insufficient time is still perceived as a barrier by participants!





Going with the Flow







Thank-you

- To all my talented colleagues who developed, created, acted, edited and delivered the programme.
- To everyone here for listening.



