Introduction

Through an IMLS grant the University of Missouri has provided 20 masters students the opportunity to be embedded within university libraries under the guidance of library leaders. This poster outlines benefits to both students and libraries.

Making it Work: Necessary Elements

- Funding
- Staff Support
- Plan of Action
- Receptiveness
- Participation

A Mutually Beneficial Relationship: Embedding LIS Students in Libraries

Student Benefits
- Access to library administrators
- Professional experience through an early introduction to professional organizations
- Unparalleled opportunities for networking
- An understanding of library functions
- Attending and presenting at library meetings
- Participation in committees
- Opportunities to show initiative

Library Benefits
- Fresh approaches
- Enthusiasm
- Mentors gained an increased awareness of their organizational and leadership skills
- Skills that enhance projects and ideas
- Establishes an understanding of what is needed for the profession to progress/survive
- Increased awareness on campus of LIS education
- Help libraries identify weaknesses

Lessons Learned
- Communication difficult between campuses
- Expectations need to be fully developed
- Goals, guidelines need to be fully articulated before start
- Establishing opportunities to become acquainted vital
- Effective event planning to maximize workshop success
- Learn to collaborate as team
- Become acquainted with variety of conferences and how to make the most of them

Forming a Foundation for Future Library Leadership

- Presents occasion to plan professional events
- Practical experience reinforces classroom instruction
- Experience provides a broad overview of library
- Generates greater knowledge of library profession
- Inspires students to become more invested in profession
- Emphasizes collaboration and communication
- Develops relationships with peers

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