Library Learning Communities: Supporting & Inspiring Each Other

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What will we cover in this lightning round?

- What is a learning community?
- Why did we start one?
- How does it work?
- Ideas for starting one at your library...
What is a Learning Community?
A Learning Community is...

...a group of people who share a desire to learn, discuss, and grow around a shared topic of interest.
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Why was the community started?
Why did we start a Learning Community?

- Expectation for scholarly work
- New Librarians
- Learn about opportunities
- To share, collaborate, and inspire!
What do we do in the Regis Library Learning Community?

It is a space for library faculty to share current research ideas, presentations, articles and to seek feedback from peers.
Who is involved in the Learning Community?

Our “who” is tied to our goal, to support new library faculty members and to create a comfortable environment for ideas to be shared freely.
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How does it work?
How does the Regis Learning Community work?

- We meet monthly for 90 minutes
- Set an agenda ahead
- Includes updates on opportunities and projects
- Presentation practice
- Article discussion
- Scholarly agendas!
What are our community members saying?

Always looking forward to the next!
Supportive!
Rejuvenating!
Inspirational!
How can you inspire your colleagues?

Ideas for starting a learning community at your library...
Some things to consider:

◎ What is a shared topic or goal?
◎ When and how will you meet?
Shared Topics & Goals

- Research interest
- Projects
- Programming or events
- Cross training
- New technology
Meeting Times & Places

◎ Lunchtime topics
◎ Brown Bag presentations
◎ Morning coffee meetings or a happy hour
We hope we’ve inspired you! Let us know if you start a Learning Community!
Thank you!

Questions?

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