Student Staff Members

The NCCU Law School hosts three student-run law journals.

- The North Carolina Central Law Review
- The Environmental Law Review

Student members are responsible for citation checking (spading) articles submitted for publication.

Problems

Students needed a better understanding of the Law Library's services:

- Using the Law library & TRLN consortium catalogs
- When should they use ILL? (Do the university libraries own the item?)
- How to: ILLiad account creation & item request forms
- Unrealistic expectations for ILL turnaround time vs. spading deadlines

Initial Solutions

What would best help students find the materials they need?

Insertion into library orientation for spading students currently taught by reference librarians

Library catalog handout:
- Using the library's catalog
- Accessing & searching the consortium catalog

Interlibrary Loan handout:
- Creating an account
- When to request a needed item
- Information needed to send article/book requests

What's Next?

Design a 30-minute hands-on instructional workshop to include:

- Best practices / Searching the library catalog
- How to access & search the consortium catalog
- Creating an ILLiad account
- Instruction of ILL best practices and expectations
- Hands-on practice placing book, article and book chapter requests

LibGuide

Creation of online research guide containing best practices for catalog searching, ILL requests and research tips.

Outcomes

Visibility of librarians

Students know who to ask for help

2. Library website navigation skills

3. Less panic!

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