

Research in a Nutshell Library Workshops for Adult Learners

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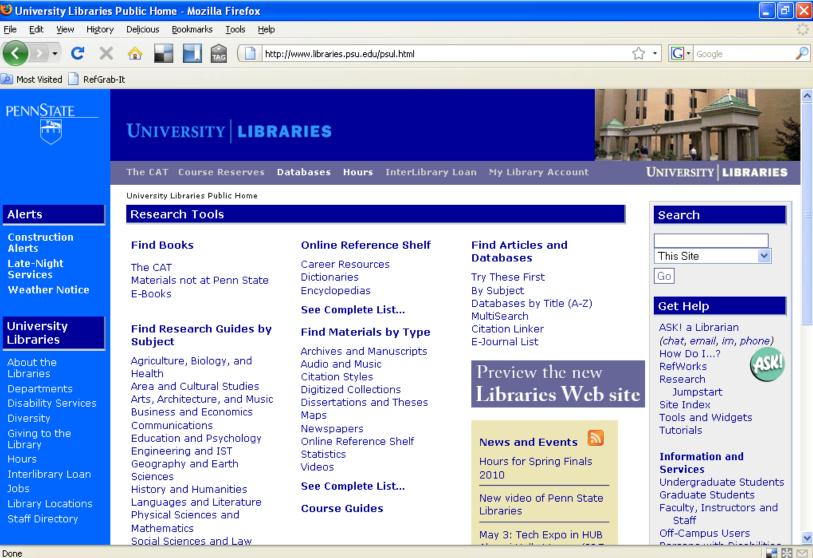
Overview

- Library services for adult learners at University Park
- Research in a Nutshell Workshop series for adult learners
- Ideas for promoting programs to adult learners

Library Services for Adult Learners at University Park

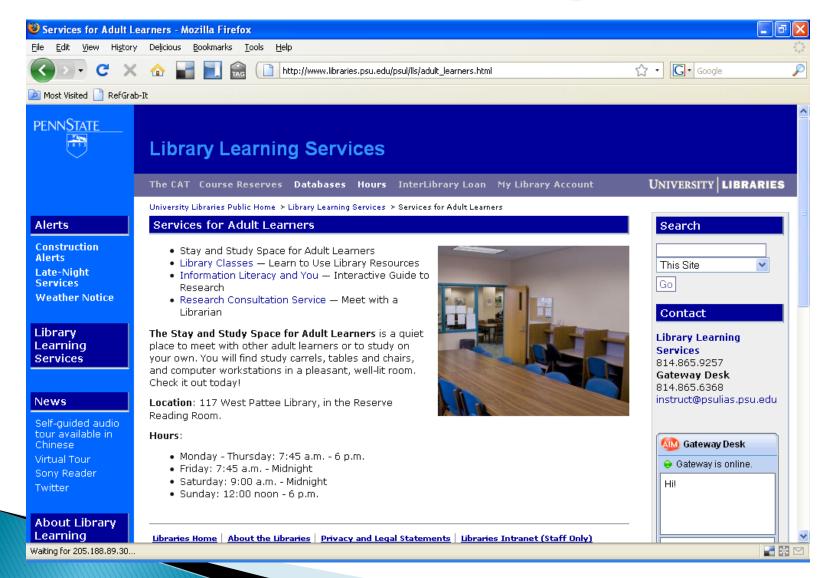
- Web page for adult learners <u>http://www.libraries.psu.edu/psul/lls/adult_learners.html</u>
- Ask a librarian
- Research Consultation Service
- Free classes in research basics
- Online research tutorials
- Citation help

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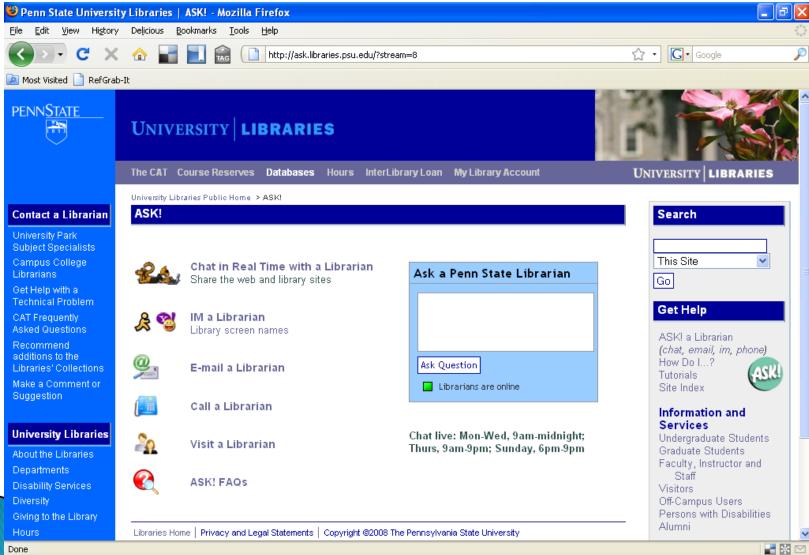


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Adult Learner Web Page



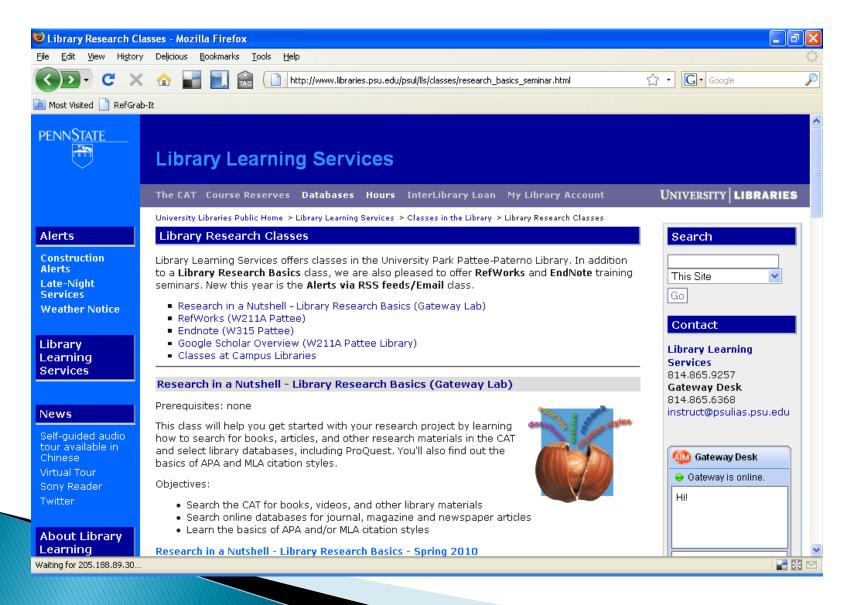
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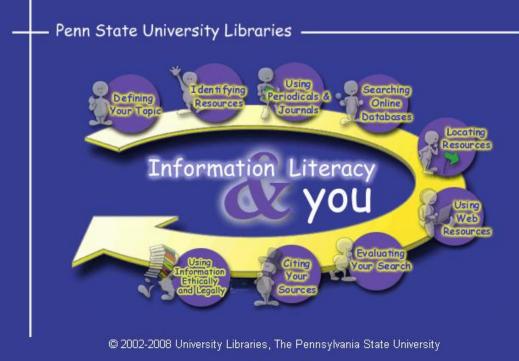
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Free Research Classes



Online Tutorials

<u>Topic List</u> <u>For Faculty</u> Comments



About This Tutorial

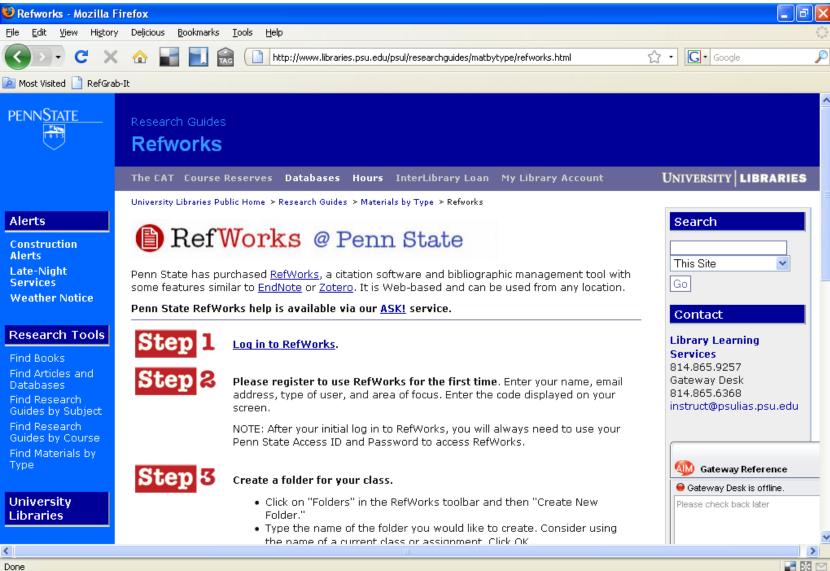
Help with Citations

* "hi, since i am middle aged this is the first time I am writing a paper with references to URLs. I am using APA style. I have looked on the psu web site, but didn't find a good page that shows what I need to do."

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Research Workshop Series for Adult Learners

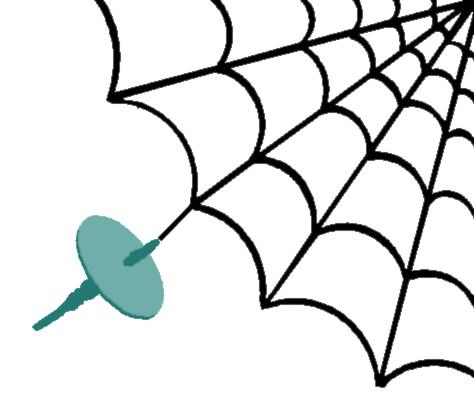
- Funded by Adult Learner Incentive Grant
- Held in Fall 2008 and Fall 2009
- Focused on basic research skills: library catalog, article databases, citation styles, RefWorks

Purpose & Rationale

- Research tools have changed dramatically in recent years
- Need for workshops offered during evening hours
- Practical application of research skills

Fall 2008: Spinning Webs

- Targeted towards adult learners with children
- Held twice in Fall 2008



For Children

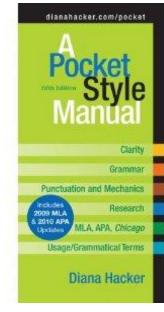
- Storytelling with Librarian Karla
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- Free children's books
- Attendance: 14 adults, 16 children



For Adults

- Instruction in research skills held in library classroom dianahacker.com/pocket
- Free research handbook
- Flash drive prize drawing

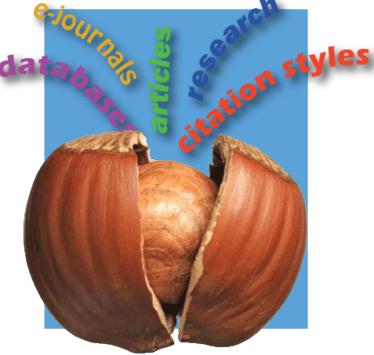




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Fall 2009: Research in a Nutshell

- Pizza and drinks provided
- Flash drive drawing
- Free research handbook
- Attendance: 10



Collegian Article 11/4/09



Publicity

- Collegian ads
- Ad in Sunday Centre Daily Times
- Library plasma screens
- Adult learner e-mail list
- Press releases
- Fliers
- Article in Libraries newsletter

Evaluations

- "I had no idea what RefWorks was—it's amazing"
- "I came for specific reasons and my questions were answered"
- "Thanks for the pizza and Pepsi"
- "Very helpful"
- "Hold more often"

"How Did Your Hear...?"

- E-mail: 6
- Newspaper ad: 2
- Flier: 2
- Word of mouth: 5
- "My wife told me"
- Leslie Laing in Adult Learner Program
 Graduate advisor in American Indian Program

Recommendations

- Advertise in multiple venues
- Offer giveaways and free food
- Try multiple time slots
- Engage students in activity
- Include practical application
- Invite the press
- Evaluate



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