The Research Sprint: Faculty as Learners in an Academic Library

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Finding Roux Resources

Our first session was designed to cover the basics for new faculty, while providing an update for those more familiar with our resources. Topics covered in this session included:

- Navigating Roux Library's web page
  www.flsouthern.edu/library
- Becoming familiar with discipline-specific resources and databases
  www.flsouthern.edu/library/journals-databases
- Mastering the Publication Finder
- Locating print resources
- Learning about useful features of Google Scholar & Scopus

Beyond the Library

Our third session presented the following topics:

- Requesting materials for purchase by Roux
- FSC campus archives
  www.flsouthern.edu/library/archives/finding-aids.aspx
- ArchiveGrid beta.worldcat.org/archivegrid/
- Florida Memory www.floridamemory.com
- Interlibrary Loan
  www.flsouthern.edu/library/services/ill.aspx
- Copyright Issues libguides.flsouthern.edu/copyright
- Creative Commons creativecommons.org/

The Research Sprint

Traditionally, FSC librarians have offered professional development to campus faculty. However, as attendance at the workshop fell, the sessions were canceled. To revive interest, we found inspiration in a summer program we offer – the Faculty Research Marathon – when the library is reserved for faculty research and writing. Supplementing the Marathon format with information useful for faculty, we rebranded our workshops as a Research Sprint, with each session providing focused work time after a brief presentation about library resources.
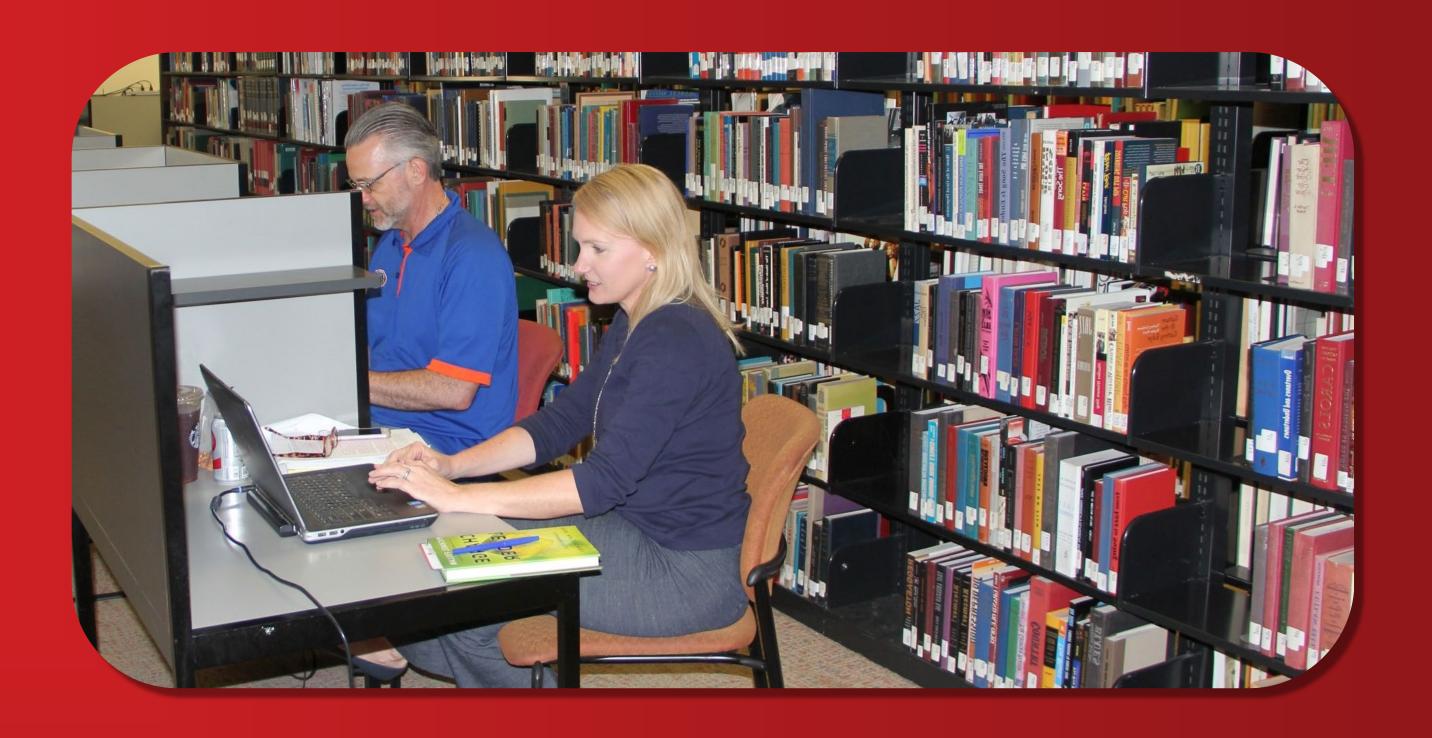
The PDI was successfully implemented, and sign-up numbers were high. Feedback was positive, with suggestions including a library tour for new faculty, handouts, and shortening the presentation time. Participants also requested resources to help track research and information on leveraging social media for research sharing.

Keeping Track of Research

In this session, we talked about the tools and database features our faculty can use to stay current with the literature in their field, and to organize and keep track of their research. Topics covered included:

- Database accounts
- Citation management software, specifically Zotero
  www.zotero.org
- Setting up search alerts
- Setting up journal alerts

Presenting Your Research

Our final session covered presenting & disseminating research:

- Florida Southern College Digital Repository
  repository.flsouthern.edu
- ORCID - Open Researcher and Contributor ID
  orcid.org
- SHERPA/RoMEO - publisher copyright policies & self-archiving www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo
- DOAJ - Directory of Open Access Journals doaj.org