

Stepping into the Future: Perspectives on a changing profession

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Looking to the Future

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." - John F. Kennedy



Change

+ Technology Trends

- ■Libraries are becoming "bookless"...
- ■Technology is becoming mobile, virtual, cloudless, social, location-based, gesture-controlled ...



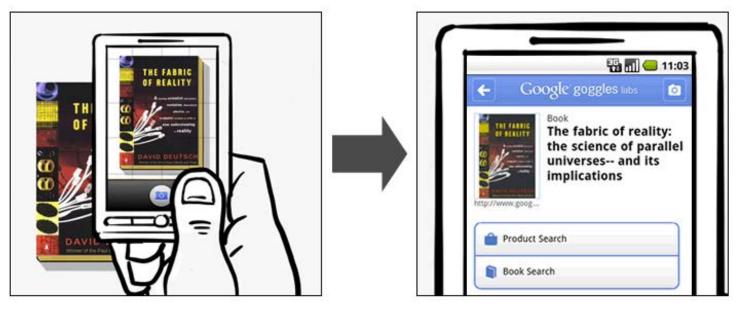


+ Google Goggles

Google Goggles in action

Click the icons below to see the different kinds of objects and places you can search for using Google Goggles.







Diff-IE

Find changes in long lists of text

identifies these automatically.



See new or different search results

Search results can change in may ways ranking, snippets, titles, and ads can all change.



Track price changes

It can be hard to see changes in long lists of text, but Diff-IE We rarely remember prices, but Diff-IE does. Here, the prices of these HP workstations dropped.



Quickly find forum activity

At a glance, Diff-IE shows which forum threads are active.

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Concepts Aesthetics

Design @ Edit

Design is the visualization of an artifact of human culture that does not appear in nature that has emergent properties when realized in some medium as physically constructed. However, in retrospect it is possible to see t... (more)

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Best Questions

How many hours are you able to log in a day? (on average)

Question added to topic Design. 2:58pm • 0 Answers • Follow

Should I focus on getting a good UX or getting something quick out of the door?

In Internet Startups: Answer added in topic Design. 1:44pm • 10 Answers • Follow

7 Scott Jenson, Mobile UX designer, Google

I LOVE questions like this because it gives me a great chance to rail against the misconceptions of UX. What this question implies is that the only real issues in shipping ... (more)

How can Design help Public Libraries?

Answer added in topic Design. 12:34pm • 2 Answers • Follow

3 Lindan Courtemanche, Creative producer of unconventio...
Here are 3 themes you might consider when developing a creative brief for the design of a library:

(more)

What are the best online tools for storyboarding a website?

Answer added in topic Design. 12:05pm • 15 Answers • Follow

1 Rodrigo Carriel

Personally, i like pencil cause its free, easy to use and you can make/add your own stencil/collections. Now, balsamiq is way more powerfull but paid.

How do I make a cast of jewelry?

Question added to topic Design. 11:28am • 0 Answers • Follow

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Frequently Asked Questions

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All Changes

Your Topic Bio

Describe your Design experience

Top Answerers - 19382 Followers

Adam Rifkin

29 Answers Imagination is more important than knowledge.

Jason Putorti
31 Answers I fight for the user.

Chris Wetherell

Rebekah Cox

16 Answers

Yishan Wong

5 Answers

Share Topic - Invite Users

Facebook Q Inbox 🖂 Email

Subtopics

- Design
 - Product Design

*Changing Times

"I've come to think that managing our uncertain future is about achieving fitness: adapting to change, staying relevant." - Stephen J. Bell

Employment Trends

■Agencies outside of libraries experienced an increase in reported placements from just over 15% (2008) to over 27% (2009)

- Library Journal Placement and Salary Survey 2010



Opportunities outside of libraries

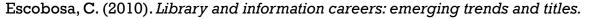
- U.S. News & World Report listed these as top 30 careers in 2009:
 - Usability/User Experience Specialist
 - Systems Analyst



- Database development
- ■Reference tool development
- ■Information systems
- Publishing
- ■Internet coordination
- Marketing
- ■Web content management and design
- Training of database users

Emerging Job Titles

- Emerging Technologies Librarian
- Web Content Manager
- ■Information Architect
- Usability Analyst
- ■Information Specialist
- ■Digital Collections Metadata Librarian
- ■Virtual Services Manager
- ■Digital Assets Librarian



Highly requested skills

- ■Teaching/instruction
- ■Web design and maintenance
- Knowledge of metadata standards for digital content
- Knowledge of integrated library systems
- Ability to create online tutorials

Escobosa, C. (2010). Library and information careers: emerging trends and titles.

Think broadly about LIS skills

■"LIS skills are good currency in this world – but only for those with the flexibility and insight to exploit the opportunities." - Stephen Abrams



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Preparing future LIS
professionals

School Highlights

- ■Largest accredited LIS school in the world
- ■2500 graduate students
- ■Program fully online
- Ranked #1 by *U.S. News & World Report* for LIS e-learning





+MLIS Students in... 45 states & 17 countries





http://slisweb.sjsu.edu/slis/maps/slisstudentsmap2010fa.htm

+ Online Delivery







Online Discussions

- Discussion boards
- Live online discussions

Instructor Lectures

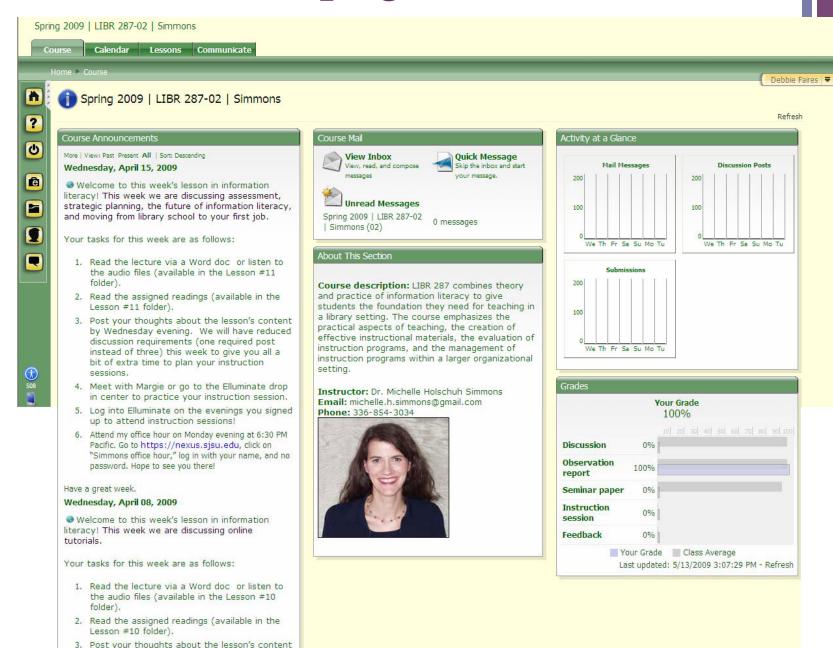
- Web conferencing
- Audio podcasts
- Narrated slide presentations or screencasts
- Video lectures captioned
- Audio lecture transcripts

Informal Interactions

- Optional "office hours" via live web conferencing
- Chat via email, on blogs, or on the School's Facebook page.



Course Homepage in LMS





Guest Speakers



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Meetings/Tours on Second Life

Archivists/Records
Administrators
(ARA)
Student Group

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Monday September 20, 2010 7 p.m. SLT



Introduce new courses

- Web 3.0 Emerging Trends in Libraries
- Using Social Media for Competitive Research
- ■Information Entrepreneurship
- Digital Asset Management
- Implications and Applications for New Media
- ■Information Environments

Additional programs offered

- **■**Executive MLIS
- Master of Archives and Records Administration (MARA)
- San Jose Gateway PhD program -Queensland University of Technology
- ■Teacher-Librarian Program





Keeping up with the changes

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Develop/Build Key Skills

■ Take a course

- Infopeople http://www.infopeople.org/
- Trendy Topics (T2) http://www.trendytopics.info/
- ALA: http://www.ala.org/ala/onlinelearning/, http://classes.alaeditions.org/

■ Read books, articles, blogs

- Wired magazine, newspapers, http://thenextweb/, RSS, etc.
- LISNews http://www.lisnews.org/
- Stephen's Lighthouse http://stephenslighthouse.sirsidynix.com/
- Information wants to be free http://meredith.wolfwater.com/wordpress/
- Librarian in Black-<u>http://librarianinblack.typepad.com/</u> for "tech-savvy librarians"

■ Get experience

Maintain an active professional network

- ■Build an online presence
 - Webinar: http://learn.linkedin.com/training/
 - LI Etiquette Guide:

 http://careerservices.linkedin.com/LinkedIn-Etiquette-Guide.pdf
- Leverage your professional network
 - ■LI Job Hunting Tips:
 http://careerservices.linkedin.com/10-Job-Hunting-Tips.pdf

Learn from others

- Participate in online discussions about trends and careers
 - LIS Career Options –LinkedIn Group http://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=3126663
 - NextGen Librarians Facebook Group http://www.facebook.com/group.php? http://www.facebook.com/group.php? sid=7f4beb04efc2e5aaf439abf80951b415&gid=2240728154&ref=search
- ■Find a mentor
- ■Perform "informational interviews"
- Attend conferences, workshops, professional events

+ Takeways

- Be open to new opportunities and embrace change
- Keep current and fill in gaps in your skill set
- ■LIS skills are marketable and can be applied in many settings!
- Think broadly about your own skills and how you could use them in different contexts
- Build and nurture your professional network

Create your own future

■ "The future is not some place we are going, but one we are creating. The paths to it are not found but made, and the activity of making them changes both the maker and the destination." John Schaar



+ Questions?

- ■Thank you!
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