How to create LibGuides for the Unisa Library

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WHAT ARE LIBGUIDES?

• These are guides that contain listings of recommended resources for finding information, such as databases, journals, books, web pages and other useful resources most relevant to an area of study.

• Can also be used for tutorials, alert services etc.
WHY DO LIBRARIANS USE LIBGUIDES

- Empowerment
- Web 2.0 features which enhances instructional material
- Collaboration
- Reusable content
- Statistics
WHY USE LIBGUIDES FOR CLIENTS?

• Information at point of need
• Web based therefore catering to ODL
• Mobile and Tablet friendly
• Creating awareness of library resources
GENERIC WEBSITE FOR ALL LIBGUIDES

http://libguides.unisa.ac.za
DEVELOPMENT OF SUBJECT GUIDES

• Small team approach – 9 personal librarians
• Diverse subject knowledge
• Able to work closely together
• Provide valuable input
• Collaboration with Khuliso
  ➢ Administrator
  ➢ Branding
  ➢ Domain name
PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT

**Planning**
- Need analysis
- Identify and write generic content
- Group generic content

**Development**
- Collaborate with Khuliso – branding
- Develop look & feel based on content
- Create template with generic content

**Implementation**
- Test usability
- Train PLs
- Use template for all subject guides
PLANNING

• Need analysis – what is the purpose of the guide?

• Identify content to support the purpose

• Write content

• Group content
DEVELOPMENT

• Provided Khuliso with generic content & proposed groupings for branding

• Developed look & feel based on content

• Created template with generic content
IMPLEMENTATION

• Test usability
  ➢ Business & Management subject guide

• Train personal librarians
  ➢ Two formal sessions and one-on-one assistance when needed

• Copy and use template for all subject guides
  ➢ Change and add content as needed
WHAT WE HAVE LEARNT

• Training tutorial and training sessions brings everybody up to speed

• Guidelines ensures the same look and feel
  ➢ Consistency – comes from the UNISA Library
  ➢ Layout – not too many tabs or boxes
  ➢ Colour
  ➢ Fonts
WHAT WE HAVE LEARNT

• The use of templates ensures ease of use and saves time when working in a group.

• Ensure the use of correct box types!

• Planning is crucial

• Teamwork makes everybody’s workload lighter

• Have fun!