Cultivating a Space to Grow
Implementing a Community of Practice Among Academic Librarians to Explore Multi-literacies
Hello there from Indiana University Bloomington!

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Plotting Today’s Landscape

Introduction & Background
- Defining a Community of Practice (CoP)
- Exploring alternative types of Communities of Practice
- What a CoP looks like at Indiana University

Current Scope of Work
- James Henry–Information Literacy Toolkit
- Amy–InterProfessional Activity
- CoP as mechanism for collaboration

Next Steps
- Implementing different modes for teaching Health Literacy:
  - Library Guides
  - Health Literacy Toolkit
Introduction & Background
Came from collaboration between the Continuing Education Committee and James Henry.

Need for intentional community in an age of Zoom meetings.

Began as just faculty librarians, continual conversations on expanding inclusion.

24 participants throughout the semester across the library system including faculty, staff, and graduate workers.
Community of Practice

Share Common Concern
Academic Librarianship as a broad topic of concern

Learn How to Improve
Grassroots approach to improvement through peer collaboration

Interact Regularly
Hybrid meetings on the third Thursday of each month
Typical CoP Meeting Agenda

- Check In with each Attendee
- Featured Speaker
- Feedback and Brainstorm
- Open Discussion
Featured Speakers this Semester

January
Meredith Knoff, Learning Commons Librarian, on student worker trainings for Research Help Desk

February
James Henry Smith, Information Literacy Librarian for Online Learning, on Psychological Safety in Online Learning

March
Amy Minix, Neuro-health Sciences Librarian, on Health Information Literacy in Interprofessional Experience Programming

April
Atishi Batir, User Experience Designer on User Research Testing
Current Scope of Work
Information Literacy
Online Toolkit

Picking up where others left off
Toolkit was built and piloted 2018-2019
Hired on in 2022 after a year vacancy

Collaboration with Subject specialists
Started working with the Business School to supplement One Shot instruction with follow up How To videos

Online Learning from a Trauma Informed Lens
Psychological safety, Trust and Transparency, and Mutual Collaboration
Other avenues for Online Learning

Canvas, our campus Learning Management System (LMS)
LibGuides
Zoom Consultations
IPE Activity
Literature review activity for health science disciplines with varying degrees of experience (undergraduate to professional graduate studies). Emphasizes locating and applying evidence-based practice research and patient

Quintuple Aim for Healthcare Improvement
This model guides how IPE students think about the different dimensions of care for a patient and helps orient the goals and outcomes of the IPE activity

Health Literacy
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services states that health literacy involves the information and services that people need to make well-informed health decisions
Next Steps
## Germinating New Connections

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Future Collaboration

Information Online Toolkit Modules for Health Sciences
Repository for scalable instruction within and between semesters

Expand use of Library Guides
Using an existing tool as a pedagogical strategy to share information with students, staff, and faculty. Adapting how these resources are structured and used
Sowing Seeds as a benefit for Communities of Practice

And you can do this too!
Thank you!
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