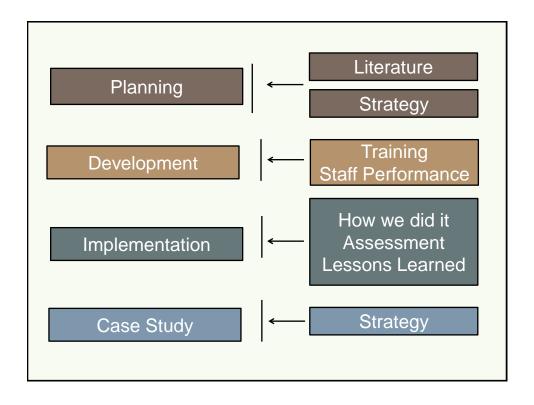


CRICS9 Panel 5 Developing Staff Competencies in Emerging Technologies

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Who we are



We looked at

Changes in Technology

Changes in Behavior

Learning Theories

Information Literacy

Digital Literacy

Other Library Programs

Dimensions of [building] capacity



E-Mediate Day 1: A Networked Mindset To Capacity Building (2011), Beth Kanter.

Changes in technology



"Consumers want their information when they want it, how they want it, and in whatever quantities they want it."

~Price Waterhouse Study~



Changes in user behavior

New normal: 1999



Image: introduction to the Internet, Byron Soulsby.

- Most of "us" were not active users of the Internet.
- · Active Users were:
 - Male
 - · White
 - · College educated
 - · Dial-up at 32/kbits
 - Directory and portal search
 - Chat rooms

Adapted from Pew Internet & American Life Project, 2011

New normal: now

- Broadband
- Mobile
- · Less SES stratification
- Less generational variance
- Social networking and content creation
- Video on demand



Image Source: Business Insider "Incredible Things That Happen Every 60 Seconds On The Internet"

Adapted from Pew Internet & American Life Project, 2011

The mobile landscape - data

- "The Mobile Difference:" mobile users are more likely to update, to share, to create, to forward, and to record.
- 31% of text message users prefer texting to voice calls, and young adults stand out in their use of text messaging.
- More than a quarter (28%) of all American adults use mobile or social location-based services of some kind.
- Several demographic groups have higher than average levels of smartphone adoption.

Pew Internet 2011 Trend Data: http://www.pewinternet.org/Trend-Data.aspx

What does this mean for organizations?

- SNS allow for immediate, spontaneous creation of networks.
- The ability to create new pathways to users and stakeholders.
- Social networks and social media are becoming more important in community building and maintenance.
- Use social media to develop a culture of listening.

Rainie. Lee. (2011). The social media landscape

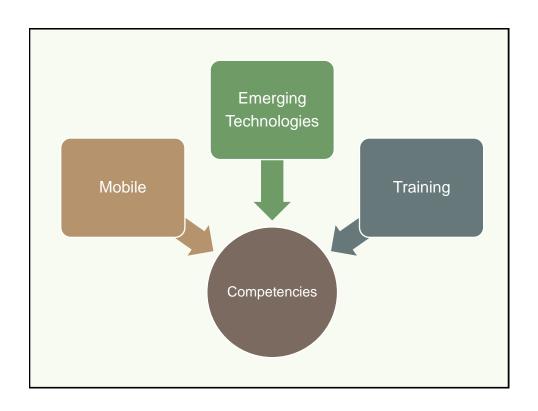
Disruption is our friend

"We are living in a time where technology is connecting us to an increasingly networked world. We see it in our personal lives first. However, it is having a profound effect on the way in which health organizations and non-profits do their work, communicate to stakeholders, and deliver their programs."

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The Emerging Technologies Team (ETT) and its role in training

The team helps to support mobile computing, social media, and other technologies critical to science and medicine.

Staff performance

- Supervisors reached out to ETT to assist in developing objectives for performance plans (PMAPs).
- PMAPs needed to include activities focused on mobile and Web 2.0.

Focus on Teleworking (Jan 2011)

Focus on Mobile (Feb 2011) Include Social Media, Web 2.0 (May 2011)

PMAP Revisions

Planning...targets

- Compile a list of available devices and their platform: Apple, Blackberry, Android.
- Identify and document issues related to authentication on mobile devices (iOS and Android).
- Planning for and supporting multiple devices.
- Partner with other techie folks on campus.
- Sustaining the program.

Planning...mobile

- Deciding who gets what.
- · Device negotiation with vendors.
- · Contract negotiation with vendors.
- Figuring out what is allowed by HHS & NIH CIOs.
- Deciding how to train staff on using their mobile devices.

Planning...training

- Supporting staff development across platforms.
- What should be our training priorities?
- What training models have been successful and will they work at the NIHL?
 - Brown-bags versus hands-on.
 - · Accommodating adult learners.
 - Librarians, Informationists, support staff, and the business office.



Development...mobile

IAB Branch Chief met with ETT to discuss device deployment.

ETT met with all library staff outlining team objectives, mobile deployment, and staff training.

IAB Branch Chief sent out survey asking staff about preferences for a mobile device.

Development...training

Developed curriculum that included a variety of methods for educating staff, developed a staff technology challenge, and leading by example.

Developed methods to evaluate staff competencies with their devices.

We really wanted to build a community of learners that was focused on mobile, social media, and emerging technologies.

How we did it

- Brown-bags for staff education.
- Meet and Greet sessions with the ETT.
- Mobile "show and tell."
- Reference Assistant (RA) Tech Challenge.
- Informal Communities of Practice.
- ETT served as "ambassadors" for the technology.

Mobile device deployment

18 BlackBerry Devices

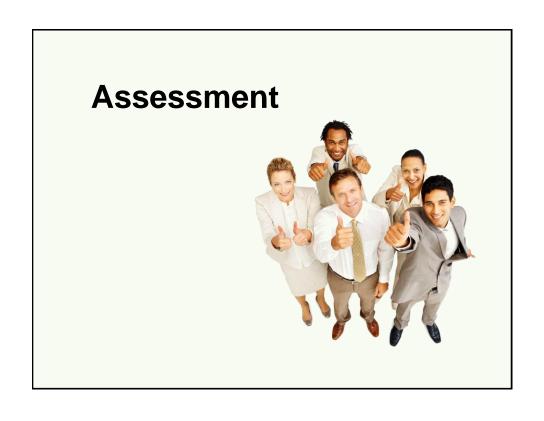
14 Android Devices



12 iPads

14 staff never had a mobile device at work3 did not have a personal cell phone

Staff brown bags Mobile Dropbox and File Twitter Computing 101 Sharing Cloud Blogs and RSS Social Computing and Google Bookmarks Spatial Literacy and Mapping SM & Public Crowd-Health sourcing



Evaluation

- Surveys (used Google Forms & SurveyMonkey).
 - · App evaluation form.
 - · Device evaluation form.
 - Survey on mobile device (perceptions about getting the device).
 - · Narrative summary if devices were returned.
- Narrative Reports (iPads only).

Evaluation?



- · Was harder than it should have been.
- Reluctance of staff to complete evaluation forms & provide feedback (except when something didn't work).
- Difficult to come up with outcome measures – esp. those relevant to our type of library.
- Was not able to work on evaluation plan before distributing devices.



Lessons Learned

Lessons learned [1]

- How do we encourage the discovery of new services and applications.
- Evaluating staff competencies with their devices.
- Time to develop & conduct the trainings.
- Determine how to evaluate? What to evaluate?

Lessons learned: [2]

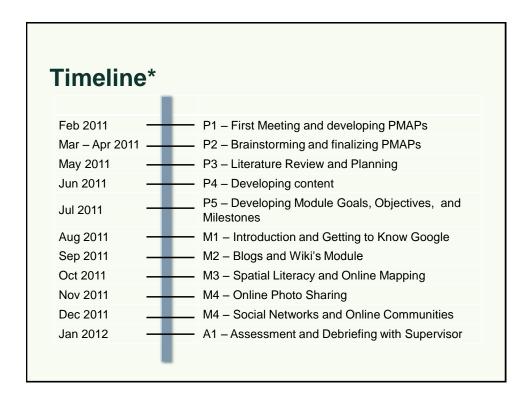
- Planning and establishing goals at the outset are essential.
- Distribution of work: be prepared for a lot of hand-holding to get people up to speed.
- Jumping through government-specific TOS jargon/policies (iTunes, 3G, repurposing the BlackBerry devices).

Lessons learned: [3]

- Squeezing in time here and there to focus on this entire initiative does not work very well.
- Make what you are doing relevant. You cannot make people excited about something.
- Innovation is hard. Even if you have the support of leadership, implementing something new is not easy.
- We had to become innovative in figuring out ways to encourage staff without explicitly providing instructions.

Case Study: Reference Assistant (RA) Tech Challenge





Map Training to Performance Plans



"Every staff person is required, as part of their annual performance review, to do a certain number of learning opportunities and sharing activities. These can be from large to small, and the credit is earned by both doing and sharing."

Sandra Smith, Learning and Development Manager at the Denver Public Library.

23 Things - Commonalities

- 1. Facilitated learning.
- 2. Primary web-based resource for information.
- 3. The "23 Things" timetable announced in advance.
- 4. Includes reflection & interaction.
- 5. Each topic has an introductory lead.
- 6. Combination of face-to-face and online only.
- 7. Celebration at the end of modules.
- 8. Voting for favorite activities.
- 9. Certificate for those completing all 23 Things.

Source (adapted):Yoshikawa & Webber, 2011.

23 Things – Original guidelines*

- 1. Encourage networking and shared learning.
- 2. Encourage traditional and face-to-face communication.
- 3. Encourage group discovery.
- 4. Accommodate non-techies and different learning styles.
- 5. Focus on discovery, not skill building.
- 6. Reward staff for learning.
- 7. Encourage staff to play.

* That we identified with, and would work for us.

Source (adapted): Yoshikawa & Webber, 2011.

Learning Dimensions



Self-directed



Use of Own Experience



Sharing and Collaboration



Motivation

Adapted from Smith, M. K. (2002,) "Malcolm Knowles, informal adult education,...

RATECH learning objectives

- As much as possible, the modules should be selfdirected.
 - Doug & another NIHL staff person available as backup.
- Use personal experiences as a resource for learning.
 - Blog about their experiences, mapping through their lens, photos and networks from their life.

Adapted from Smith, M. K. (2002,) "Malcolm Knowles, informal adult education,...

RATECH learning objectives

- Immediately apply what they learn through exercises, sharing, and group discussion.
 - We had a journal club at the end of each section.
 - · RAs had the option to lead each journal club.
- Try to motivate by internal rather than external factors.
 - "I feel that I need to be up-to-date to help our patrons."

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RATECH format

Module Launch Assessment of Learning

Assessment of Module

Debriefing Session

RATECH Modules

Blogs & Wikis

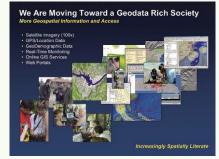




Online images & photo sharing

RATECH Modules

Spatial literacy and online mapping





Social Networks

RATECH Evaluation

- Surveys
 - Module Assessment.
 - Learning Assessment.
- Monthly Debriefing Sessions.





