“And Now It’s Time for a Fun Exercise!”

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Charmed, I’m Sure: Introducing New Users to Libraries and Visual Resources Collections
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The Architecture Library & Visual Resources Collection

- Branch of the University Libraries
- Located in the Architecture Building
- Serves the College of Architecture and Planning
  - Departments: Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Urban Planning, Historic Preservation, and Urban Design
  - 550-600 students, 1/3 of these are grad students
  - 50-60 faculty and instructors
Introduction to the Architecture Library

Common First Year Program in CAP

– Students apply for acceptance to Architecture, Landscape Architecture, or Urban Planning at the end of first year

– Introduces students to college resources, including the Architecture Library
What this means for the library intro

• We have the chance to meet **ALL** of the first year undergraduate students in the college
• There’s no related assignment
• The students have not yet had assignments that would help them see the value of the library collections
Objectives for the CAP 101 Introduction

• Make the most of it!
• Show off the collections
• Get students in the door
• Give them a handout to take with
• Show that library staff is approachable
• Include a fun exercise
• Make it sticky – as in Malcolm Gladwell’s *The Tipping Point* kind of sticky
The Pre-Class Slide Show
The In-Class Presentation

Things to Know About
The Architecture Library
For CAP First Year Students

1. The library has lots of stuff
   - Architecture, landscape architecture, urban planning, urban design, and historic preservation.
   - 1000s of books
   - 100s of DVDs
   - 100+ journals & magazines
   - 100s of building material samples in the VRC (AB116)
   - 1000s of digital images in the Architecture Image Collection
   - 1000s of drawings in the Drawings + Documents Archive (AB120)

2. There's a library research guide just for First Year students
   - [http://bsu.libguides.com/cap](http://bsu.libguides.com/cap)
   - Links to library resources
   - Help with research assignments

3. CardCat & OneSearch can search just the Architecture Library
   - In CardCat—Select Architecture Library from the “Library” list
   - In OneSearch—Select Architecture Library from the “Library Location” list

4. The Avery Index helps you find articles
   - Focused on architecture, landscape architecture, urban planning, urban design, and historic preservation
   - 600,000+ article citations
   - 2,500+ journals indexed
   - Find it on the library guide, or the library databases pages

5. Library staff is here to help!
   - Email the Architecture Librarian: atrendler@bsu.edu
   - Text the Architecture Librarian via the library research guides (like the guide for First Year students at [http://bsu.libguides.com/cap](http://bsu.libguides.com/cap))
   - Architecture Library Hours
     - Monday – Thursday: 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
     - Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
     - Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
     - Sunday: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
The Fun Library Exercise
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The Fun Library Exercise continues

Exercise: Finding an Article in the Architecture Library

☐ Step 1 – Search an article database like the Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals.

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☐ Step 2 – Click on the Multilink button to see if the Architecture Library has the journal.

☐ Step 3 – From Multilink, check OneSearch for Print Availability.

☐ Step 4 – Go to the periodical shelves in the Architecture Library and find the article.
Hint: Use the article citation from Step 1 to find the article.
Another Example: LA 100

Architecture Library Resources

Landscape Architecture Edition!
What’s different about the LA 100 intro

• Many of the students have already had an introduction to the library in CAP 101
• There’s still no related assignment
• The students may not know much about landscape architecture
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The LA 100 Pre-Class Slide Show
The LA 100 Talk

Images

Samples in the VRC in AB 117

Books

Journals & Magazines

The Architecture Library

University Libraries

A destination for research, learning, and friends
The Fun Exercise for LA 100

Time for a fun exercise!
The Fun Exercise for LA 100

Library Bingo

1. Find a picture of a project that fits the topic in the square
2. Write down the project name in the square
3. Flag the project in the book or magazine
4. Fill in 4 squares in a row
5. When time is called, show off your Bingo projects
The Fun Exercise for LA 100

Library Bingo

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