

U Pop-Up Library: B Taking Subject Support to the Students

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Aims of the project

- To take 'the Library' to the students
 - Increase engagement with students
 - Increase awareness of support offered by Library Services
 - To extend the reach beyond current Library Services users



Circles of influence

- Awarded £4,970 by the Educational Enhancement Fund Advisory Group from the Alumni Impact Fund
- Project runs August 2014 – July 2015
- Project Team – 6 members of LS staff from 3 divisions

Planning

- Training
- Resources
- Operations
- Marketing & Communication
- Student Ambassadors
- Evaluation

Out on the road with information on...

- Resources for your subject
- Using the library
- Referencing skills
- Writing skills
- Maths skills
- Study skills
- ICT skills

On location.....



What the students learnt....

- 80% of the respondents to the longitudinal surveys had done something as a result of their visit
- “It was helpful and told me about services I didn’t know existed”
- “I thought it was a great idea...I hope they will carry on doing it”
- “More frequent”
- “I encourage more of these”

What we learnt....

- Stall – keep it simple, don't bombard with information
- Use of iPads and MS Surface
- Rota – time for change-over briefings
- Locations – social or 'queueing' areas worked best
- Staff briefings – fluidity
- Communication with School Administrators

What Library staff said....

- “Informal chats about using RefWorks and MedLine...helped give me an idea of how students were progressing”
- “Definitely worth being there”
- “Found out more from students in a relaxed setting than a teaching session”
- “Much easier to help a Distance Learner without a prior appointment”
- “I enjoyed getting to work with members of staff I have not met before”

Going forward

- What happens next?
 - ‘Business as usual’?
 - Pop-Up in a box?
 - Dedicated Pop-Up events ?
- It’s all about:
 - Location, Timing and Focus