



Pathfinders: A navigational tool through the Library

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Why Me?



- ◆ Started a new job at Yukon College (unexpectedly!)
- ◆ Thought about what I wanted to know in order to do my own job
- ◆ Did the research... but nothing!
- ◆ Best option – Figure it out and get feedback



Outline of Presentation



◆ Original Outline

- Examine examples
- Pros and Cons
- Guidelines
- Distribution
- Evaluate usage and value

◆ New Outline

- Types (guidelines?)
- Design elements
- Pros and Cons
- Usage
- Survey
- Examine examples



Background: Yukon College



- ◆ Part of the BC Electronic Library Network
- ◆ Approximately 800 students
- ◆ Students range from gr.9 equivalency to PhD researchers
- ◆ 3 Prof. Librarians and 3 Technicians
 - four started new jobs in August
- ◆ Very small Library, open concept (can see a lot!!)



Basic Observations

- ◆ Students like:
 - To be independent
 - Paper they can take away with them
 - To be treated as students (combination of knowledgeable and... not knowledgeable)
 - Something “quick and dirty”



Types (Guidelines?)



- ◆ General Research or Reference Skills
- ◆ Online Catalogue Skills
- ◆ Database- or Software-Specific Search Skills
- ◆ Discipline- or Course-Specific Research Skill
- ◆ Assignment-Specific Skills
- ◆ Internet Skills



Design Elements I strongly recommend



- ◆ White Space
- ◆ Tables, Lists, Bullets, etc.
- ◆ Fonts, Bolding, or Italics
- ◆ Graphics, Underlining, or Outlining
- ◆ Colour



Pros and Cons



- ◆ Great start or no start at all?
- ◆ Speedy answers or incomplete?
- ◆ Availability great or poor?
- ◆ Training tool or out-of-date and misinforming?
- ◆ Great marketing tool or an embarrassment?



Tracking Usage



- ◆ Keep statistics on reprinting
 - Similar to answering reference questions
- ◆ Web-counter
- ◆ Questions about the pathfinders themselves
- ◆ Rates of updating



Yukon College Survey



- ◆ Part of a larger study
- ◆ 15 respondents in initial testing round
- ◆ Obtained pathfinders from website, spin rack, and then Librarians
- ◆ 100% liked colour
- ◆ APA Reference Guide most popular!
- ◆ Mixed opinions on layout but all liked formatting
- ◆ Didn't like it if "too busy"
- ◆ Many liked one page, hole-punched for binder



Examining the Examples



- ◆ Start with me – Yukon College
- ◆ Memorial University of Newfoundland
- ◆ Red River College

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<i>Handbook of North American Indians</i>	E77.H25
<i>Yukon Region First Nation Profiles</i>	E78.Y8 P57 1998
<i>Part of the Land, Part of the Water</i>	E78.Y8 M22 1987
<i>My Old People Say</i>	E78.Y8 M34 1975
<i>Bibliographic Dictionary of American Indian History to 1900</i>	E89.W35 2001
<i>Encyclopedia of Native American Religions</i>	E98.P3 H73 1992
<i>Statistical Record of Native North Americans</i>	E98.P76 S73 1995
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The Main collection contains items you can sign out. Some areas to browse include:

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New drug appears to sharply cut risk of death from heart failure. (1993, July 15). *The Washington Post*, p. A12.

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K.W. Schaie (personal communication, April 19, 1996)...

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Garbarino, E. & Lee, O.F. (2003). Dynamic pricing in internet retail: Effects on consumer trust [electronic version]. *Psychology and Marketing* 20:495-513.

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I think we need to put more priority
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