CU Library-2-Bb

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Environment at Cornell

- Cornell IT
  - Centralized Support for Blackboard
  - Blackboard usage

- Library Environment
  - Libraries
  - Reserve operations
Impetus and Process

- Top Down
  - Regular meetings with Library and CIT leaders
  - Directive to work on integration

- Process
  - Large group meetings
  - Small implementation teams
  - Cornell Project Management Methodology (CPMM)
Project Goals

- Integrate Cornell Library Resources and Services with Blackboard in order to provide students and faculty with a central point of entry.

- Increase awareness of the Blackboard service to the Library’s Resources and Services user community, and vice versa.
Accomplishments

These goals were met through the following accomplishments:

- Created Links to Library resources from Blackboard course
- Installed RefWorks Building Block in Blackboard
- Made eReserves materials accessible through Blackboard
- Fostered collaboration and communication between CIT and the Library
Library Links

- Library Gateway
- Ask a Librarian
- Documented how these Library menu items can be added to existing Bb courses
RefWorks Building Block

- Installed the RefWorks building block
- Documented how to use RefWorks from within Blackboard for both instructors and students
Electronic Reserve

- Directed to implement more secure system
- Established a process where Library Reserve staff can add eReserves materials to Blackboard courses
- Collaborated with Cornell IT on training and documentation
Communication

- Emailed Cornell Blackboard listserv
- Conducted seminars and presentations
- Collaborated on training and documentation
- Published articles in the Chronicle and Sun
- Added web pages and links to the Library and Blackboard web sites
- Distributed Posters and Bookmarks
Metrics for Fall 2007

- 3,007 active Bb courses
- 20,169 hits to Gateway
- 3,656 hits to Ask a Librarian
- 236 RefWorks accounts created
- 190 courses with e-reserve content
- 105 new “instructor” Bb users
Looking Ahead

Possible Phase 3 Items:

- Installing the LinkMaker building block to Blackboard
- The integration of WebFeat
- Integration of ARes
- Adding links to other valuable, related CU services
- Researching the Blackboard Community System
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