


The Challenge of Information Literacy at Georgia Tech: The Library's Role in Student Retention

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Outline

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Georgia Tech Environment

- Level one research university
- 17,000 students
- Over 30 colleges/schools

Literature Review

- Correlation between library use and student retention
 - Library “as place” contributes to retention
 - Library outreach & campus partnerships affect student retention
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Partnerships

- Office of Information Technology (OIT)
 - Other Library Initiatives
 - Student Success Programs
 - Freshman Experience
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OLT and the Library

- 2002 Library West Commons (LWC) created
- Students receive research and technology assistance from one location
- Most popular place to study on campus



Other Library Initiatives

- Jazzman's Café
- Presentation Rehearsal Studio



Student Success Programs and the Library

- Librarians as instructors for Freshman Seminar course (GT1000)
- FASET Orientation participation



FASET Orientation



Freshman Experience and the Library

- The librarian as mentor to a group of freshman students
- Freshman Experience program is one of the most effective ways to increase student retention

Student Learning

- Departmental Office Hours
- Course Based Instruction

Student Learning

- Research Clinic
- General Instruction Sessions

Conclusions

- Students think of the library differently
- Library has more visibility on campus
- Greater interaction with students and the campus

Conclusions

- More requests for consultation and course-based instruction
- Reaching more students at their point of need

Questions?

