



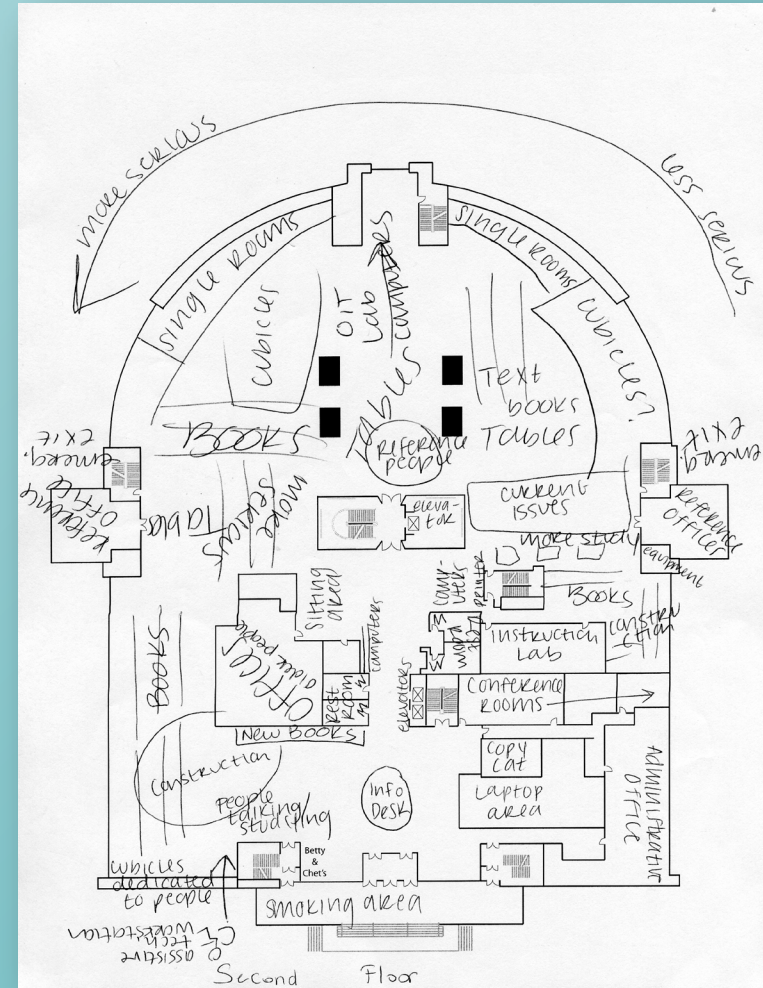
FYI for FYE (Freshman Year Experience): Helping New Undergraduates Navigate Library Waters

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Auburn University Libraries has developed an FYE curriculum with a customizable menu of instruction options. Each menu option incorporates active learning exercises that are student-centered and grounded in information literacy competency standards. The goal of the new curriculum is to unleash student creativity, promote group learning, leverage the instructional potential of Web 2.0 technologies, and deliver instruction geared to developing independent researchers.

Option 1: Ethnographer for an Hour (Library Discovery Tour)

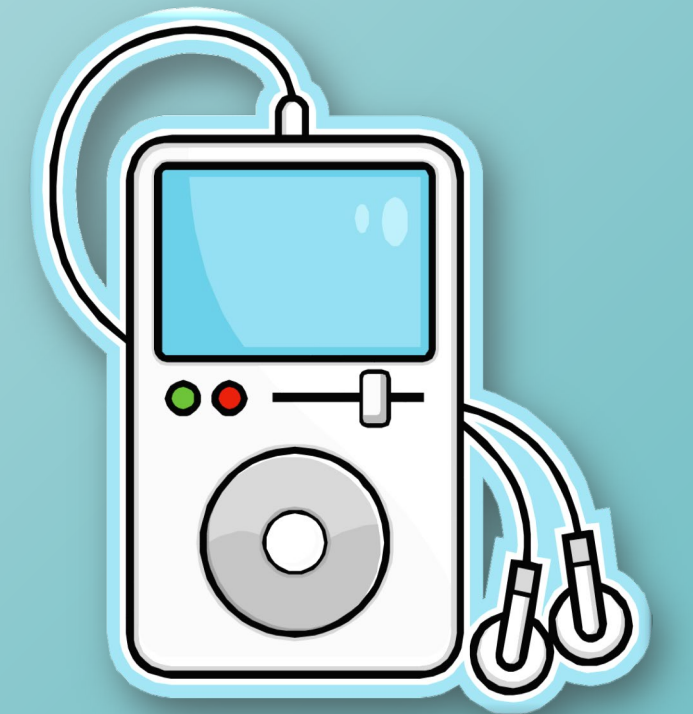
- Students are divided into teams. Each team explores a different floor of the library.
- Teams are given blank floor maps to complete.
- Students are encouraged to take photos with their camera phones
- Teams report their findings to the class.



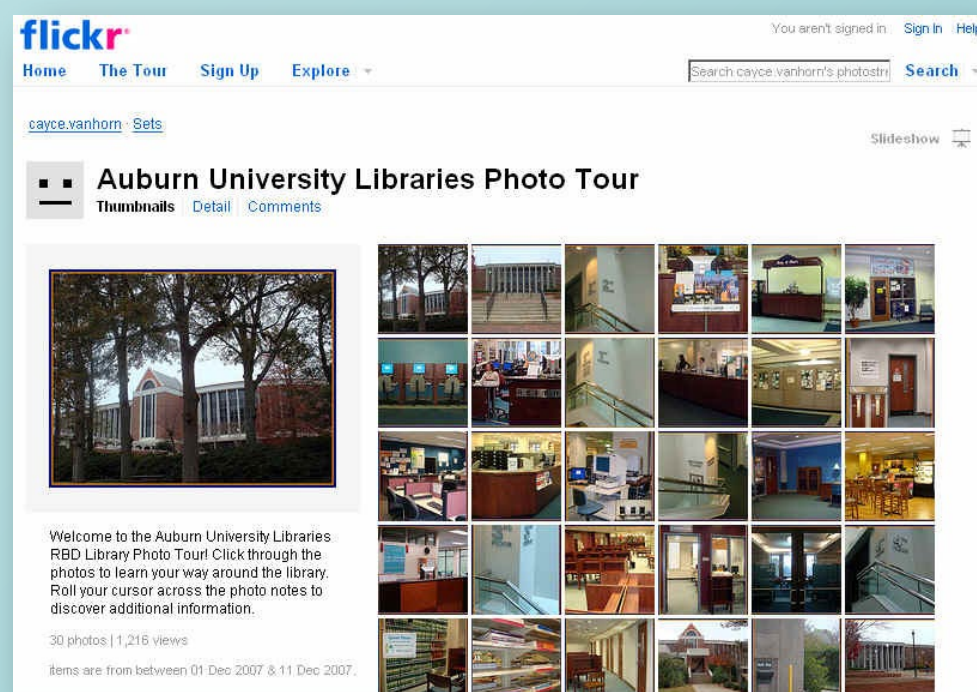
Menu of Activities

Option 2: Podcast Tour

- Students download a library podcast tour to their MP3 players.
- An accompanying worksheet checks students' recall after the tour is completed.



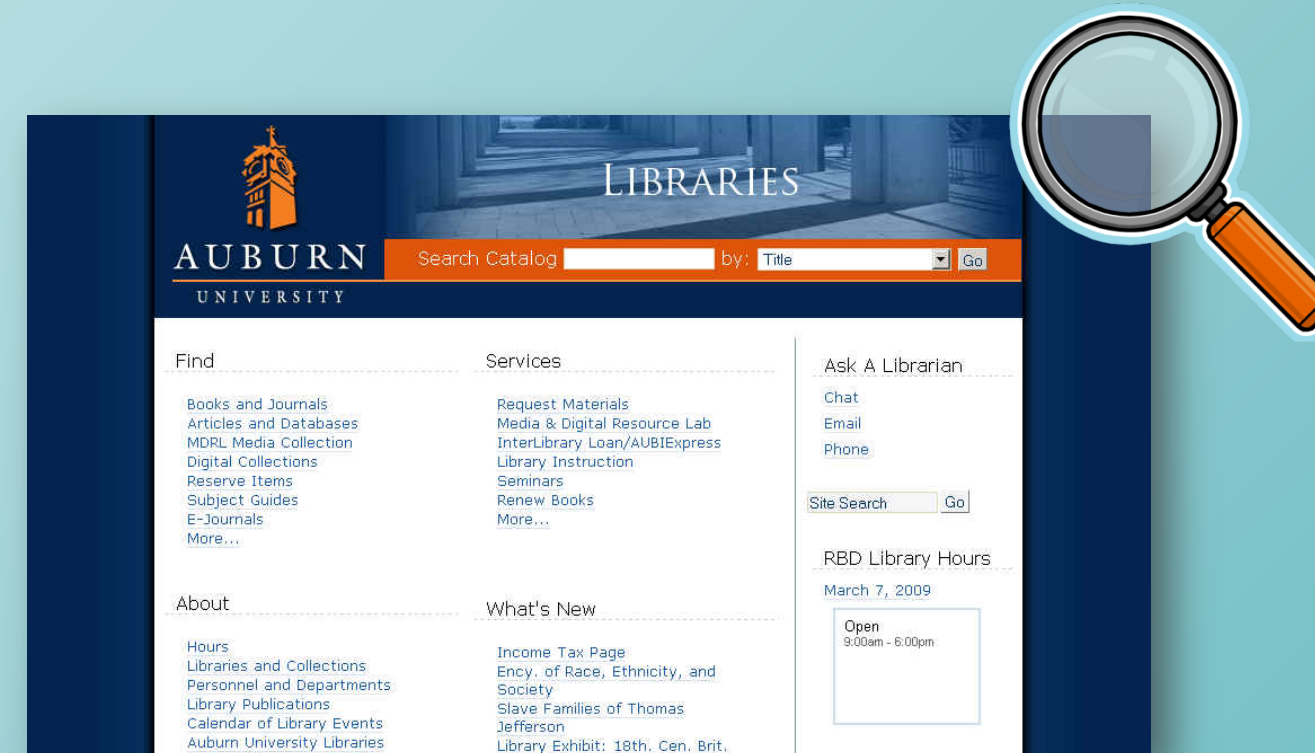
Option 3: Library Flickr Photo Tour



- Students access an interactive, self-directed tour hosted on Flickr.
- Students mouse over image hot spots for information about library services.

Option 4: Library Webpage Discovery Activity

- Students explore the library's homepage in groups, answering questions posed by the instructor.



Option 5: Introduction to a Library Database

- Students receive instruction on keyword searching within a general database.
- Search topics are aligned with FYE course themes (e.g. time management).
- Students perform hands-on searches and locate & print one relevant article on their search topic.

