Off the Airplane and into the Library: Making a Good First Impression in Any Language

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Itinerary

• Library Anxiety
• Second Language Anxiety
• Culture shock
• Library tours and orientations
• Future directions
Why are we doing this?

Teaching effectiveness

Second Language Learning Theory

Anxieties
Why are we doing this?

- Teaching effectiveness
- Anxieties
- Lesson plans
- Recently arrived students
- Second Language Learning Theory
Library anxiety
Second language anxiety

“I’ve heard that the fear of public speaking ranks higher than fear of things like snakes and heights—I’d say fear of speaking in a foreign language class ranks higher than all of that.”

— Sophomore university student who is taking his first French language class
Culture shock
In the classroom
Original IEP Orientation

• Library Website “Tour”

• Call Number Activity

• Traditional Tour
ESL Orientation Math

Theories on library and second language anxiety

Group Activities

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A little less conversation...

- Less information about the website
- Cut call number activity
- Self-guided tour as group activity
We can rebuild it...We have the technology.

FYE Ethnographic Tour
- Small groups
- iPads
- Assigned a floor
- Blank maps
- Totally self-guided
- Students report back after class

ESL Tour Adaptation
- Small groups
- iPads
- Explore whole library
- Filled-in maps
- Suggested “attractions” students may want to visit
- Librarian shares what students have photographed (with input if students feel comfortable)
How’d it go?
THE FUTURE
NEXT EXIT