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What Can Guide on the Side Do For Your Library?

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Guide on the Side @ UVM

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What is GOTS

Guide on the Side (GOTS)

An interactive tool that enables students to learn through exploration and at their own pace.
Why we use GOTS

Building Capacity
Provide opportunity to enrich student experience either before class or as reinforcement.

Interactivity
Exploration as a means of learning is reinforced through formative and summative quizzes.

Flexibility
Guides can easily be edited to reflect changes in emphasis or context.
How we Use GOTS

Pre-assignments for Working with Librarians

- Students are not encountering content for first time in class.
- Enable us to spend more class time on difficult concepts.
## How we Use GOTS

### Library Jumpstart

- Students select guides they want to use.
- Promoted to faculty for use in their courses whether or not they work with a librarian.

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### Starting

**What's inside:**
- Choosing a Topic
  - Strategies that you can use when choosing a topic, including reviewing and understanding the assignment, and selecting a quality topic.
- Identifying Search Terms
  - A helpful chart to assist with brainstorming and keeping track of search terms.
- See all...

### Finding Books

**What's inside:**
- A Guide to CATQuest
  - Get to know CATQuest, a powerful discovery tool that searches nearly everything in UVM Libraries' physical and digital collections.
- A Guide to the Classic Library Catalog
  - An interactive guide to the Classic Library Catalog and where you might need it.
- Bailey/Howe Library Floor Maps
  - Figure out where your items are located and see where the study rooms are by using the floor maps.
- See all...

### Finding Articles

**What's inside:**
- Databases 101
  - The quick guide will help you understand why library databases are essential for your research.
- Academic Search Premier Overview
  - Learn how to use this multi-disciplinary database that provides access to scholarly journal literature, magazine articles, and some newspaper articles.
- Don't know what to use? Try these.
  - LUM provides access to hundreds of unique databases. These work for most subjects.
- See all...

### Understanding Results

**What's inside:**
- Sources of Information
  - An overview of some of the many different types of information, and how you might be useful.
- Evaluating Information
  - This guide introduces you to the standard criteria you can use for evaluating information.
- Reading and Working with Citations
  - Find out how to interpret the bibliographies attached to materials you’ve already found and use them to find more information.

### Writing & Citing

**What's inside:**
- Citation Builder
  - A handy tool for creating APA and MLA citations that you can paste into your bibliography.
- Citation style guides
  - Become an expert in APA, MLA, Chicago, and more with these helpful style guides.
- Writing future at the Library
  - "Writing future at the Library"

### More Help

**What's inside:**
- Ask a Librarian
  - Chat, email, call, stop by, or schedule an appointment to meet with one of the librarians.
- Subject and Class Guides
  - The best resources for your discipline, including books, reference materials, and article databases.
- All tutorials

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[http://researchguides.uvm.edu/jumpstart](http://researchguides.uvm.edu/jumpstart)
A Quick Tour

Databases 101
This quick guide will help you understand why library databases are essential for your research.

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Learning Outcomes:

Students will be able to:

● Prioritize information on a website and identify where higher-priority information can be made most visible.

● Identify strategies for making information on a website easy to find and read.
Getting started

A simple text editor:
- WYSIWYG
- simplified editing options

Learn the features:
- UA Creator Guide
- UVM’s “Getting Started with Guide on the Side”
Things to follow

Examples

- AZ libraries hosted by UA
- UVM

Templates

House style

- UA Style Guide
- stay above the fold
- write for the web
- what is your library’s voice?

Photo: ATOMIC Hot Links on Flickr
Managing data

Certificates:

● where should they go?
● will you respond?
● what will you do with the data?
Maintenance

Technical: staying functional
- Google Groups discussion group
- occasional upgrades: currently beta4

Content: staying current
- check links, labels, database content, question answers
- regular, systematic reviews