Pedagogical Approaches to Teaching Information Literacy to Elders

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Why is an academic library doing community outreach?
Community Engagement at ISU

The Carnegie Foundation has placed Indiana State University in the Curricular Engagement and Outreach category.

This recognizes substantial commitments to community collaboration and extensive outreach and partnerships.
Community Engagement at ISU
Community Engagement at the ISU Library

METH VALLEY
Why Here? Why Now?

at Indiana State University Library
September 27
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Panel Discussion:
Deb Hodson
Hamilton Center
Dr. Robert Huckabee
ISU Criminology Professor
Sgt. Joe Watts
Indiana State Police Officer

The ISU Library Presents
The INDIAN FILM & LITERATURE SERIES

Featured Films:
Lagaan
October 30, 2007
Swades
November 13, 2007
Such a Long Journey
November 29, 2007

Events Area, Main Floor South
Who are our Elders?
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<th>Problems</th>
<th>Public Expectations</th>
<th>Experiences of Elders</th>
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<td>fear of crime</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>23%</td>
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<td>poor health</td>
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<td>loneliness</td>
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<td>not being engaged</td>
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(Lamdin 1997)
Educational Goals for Tutors

- quality of life for all
- student self-fulfillment
- student mental/physical health
- reduce economic stress on society
- student/tutor contributes to society

(Tyler John 1988)
Educational Goals for Elders

- maintaining independence
- physical/physiological safety
- to be useful/productive
- have fun, satisfy curiosity
- being social, seeking affection

(Tyler John 1988)
Physical Challenges

- getting to class
- special seating
- viewing the monitor
- using mouse/keyboard
- hearing/seeing the lesson

(Buckwalter 2003)
Which would you rather type?

http://www.gpoaccess.gov/

http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/multidb.cgi?WAISqueryRule=%24.htm
Preparing to Teach

- use large fonts/modulate your voice/prep the room
- have a useful product as a result
- relate lesson to their lives, make it meaningful
- welcome/encourage their input
- offer visual/tactile/auditory stimulation
- make it entertaining and sociable
Teaching Bits & Bytes

- set up their computer lab
- we visit them weekly
- one hour classes and tutoring
- teach step-by-step guided lessons
- poll them for new lesson ideas
Teaching Bits & Bytes

- all about mice/keyboards
- managing folders
- organizing desktops
- computer settings/options
- computer maintenance
Teaching Bits & Bytes

- booking travel reservations
- emailing/viruses
- online banking/shopping
- all about eBay/YouTube
- health/government info
Using a Variety of Experiences

Basic Computer Skills
Activity #1: Opening and Closing Windows

1. Open up Internet Explorer by pointing your cursor on the blue icon on your desk top and then left double-clicking.

   What appears on your screen is called a WINDOW.

2. Notice that in the upper right hand corner of the screen there are 3 buttons.
   - minimizes the window
   - maximizes the window
   - closes the window

3. Move your cursor over the and left-click once to minimize your window. Notice that a rectangular box appears on the toolbar at the bottom of your screen.
References

Buckwalter, Kathleen, PhD, RN. (August 22, 2003). Seeing the Older Orthopedic Patient in 3-D. Lecture presented at DePuy Inc. Warsaw, IN.


Thank You!

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