Creating an UNEXPECTED Freshmen Library Introduction Experience

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We also introduced them to what the library has to offer. Here is how we did it:

**Course Format:**

**2 minutes:**
Meet the students at the front Circ desk. Walk them through the library to the Learning and Teaching Center where clickers and handouts are waiting for them.

**3 minutes:**
Introduce the students to the game plan and ask 4 preliminary clicker questions.

**2 minutes:**
Give students time to come up with a question about the library.

**25 minutes:**
Answer Q and A questions students came up with (offer questions if students are stumped).

**3 minutes:**
Wrap-up and ask final clicker questions.

Total = 35 minutes

**Tools Needed:**
- Clickers (25 sets)
- Handouts:
  - Library at A Glance
  - Workshop Schedule
- Excited Library Instructor (or two)
- Presentation Questions (we used Prezi)

**Our Students:**
- First-semester Freshmen
- All enrolled in a Univ 102 course
- 10 sections taught in Fall 2009
- 19-25 students per section

We asked 204 Students 9 Questions
The Questions & The Results
When I hear the word library I think (1st question):

- 45% Nothing
- 37% Total Excitement
- 15% Total Trauma
- 3% Between Excitement/Trauma
Do you own a computer?

- 89% Own a laptop
- 5% Own a desktop
- 4% No
- 1% No, I plan on using the library or computer lab
I consider myself:
Extremely tech savvy.....not so tech savvy

- Extremely tech savvy: 51%
- Tech savvy: 31%
- Somewhat tech savvy: 8%
- Not so tech savvy: 10%
How many research project/papers have you completed in the past:

- 58%: 0
- 34%: 1
- 6%: 2 to 5
- 2%: 5+
I think I will use the library:

- 57% Once a week
- 26% Once a month
- 13% Everyday
- 4% Never
I am most likely to use:

- The computers: 15%
- The study space: 70%
- The workshops: 11%
- The online resources: 3%
- None of the above: 2%
Which are you most likely to use:

- Research help in-person: 67%
- Chat research help: 13%
- E-mail research help: 14%
- Library Channel Tutorials: 6%
After this session, I feel comfortable using the library:

- Yes: 93%
- No: 6%
When I hear the word library I think (Last Question):

- Total excitement: 38%
- Nothing: 27%
- Total Trauma: 33%
- Between Excitement/Trauma: 3%