

The Roving Librarian: Beyond the Library

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The Roving Librarian (RL) shows leadership in action and does so across the campus by being visible across the campus. In lieu of a poster photo the reader can find more information on the RL at this URL <<http://libguides.pointloma.edu/rl>>. The poster was divided in three sections. The LibGuide reflects these sections and includes a fourth of an annotated bibliography of selected resources.

The **Past** section states how instruction for faculty and staff took place before the RL. We scheduled training sessions in the library. Some individuals were reticence to admit their need for instruction. This negatively impacted attendance. Those who did attend then had to transfer the insights to their own computer. Quality web sites found during training couldn't be bookmarked in the training lab. In the library the RL moves from the Research Help Desk to various building floors.

The **Present** section tells of successes so far. More persons are reached. The RL instructs using their tablet. The staff/professor Web sites are bookmarked on their office computer. Students have library expertise come to them. They are reached at the point of need though initially they may not know they have a need. This can be anywhere the campus WIFI is accessible. Interactions are recorded on the tablet. The need for follow-up is included in the RL's notes.

The **Future** of the RL is greater outreach to the campus. Use education software like *Explain Everything* to create teaching videos. Continue meeting the campus community at their point of need. Also realize and make the most of the fact that many campus community members do not know what a wealth of information is available to them. Ask their interests and then point them to databases that cover the topic. Promote RSS feeds and Google Alerts for their current event topics.