Building Campus Relationships to Bring Library Services to Faculty

Dennis J Smith
University of Miami has an initiative to build relationships with faculty and university services. The library has identified strategic cross-campus partnerships, using Leganto for specific and relevant collaborations on the creation, management, and sharing of resource lists. Partnerships include the writing center, the language lab, the bookstore, and instructors.

Using our simplified workflow, we create resource lists for multiple classes, advise instructors of these lists, and improve access to these materials through uReserves by Leganto, Blackboard, Primo, and our Course Reserves tab on the website.

**Writing Center / English Composition Program**

We developed a unique resource list for all the courses in the English Composition Program.

**University Bookstore**

We compared library holdings against the listing of all required course items submitted by instructors, and then created reading lists accordingly.

**Language Lab**

We developed an agreement to place copies of the Language Lab resources on the uReserves, and purchased at least one copy of all the books used by each of the language classes. We created readings lists for each language class.

**Goals:**

- Continued outreach efforts to instructors
- Target programs to maximize impact
- Increased access for students
- Build instructors awareness

**Impact (so far): FY16 to FY17**

- 5.7% increase in physical reserves usage
- 27% increase in physical checkouts
- 227% increase of items in electronic reserves

**Project Team**

- Richard Morales, Course Reserves Lead
- John Sandoval, Interlibrary & Reserves Manager
- Dennis J. Smith, Head of Access Services

**Faculty Feedback**

“I have found the new Reserves system to be remarkably efficient and, once I got the hang of it, relatively easy to use.”

*Chris, Department of Musicology*

“Great job on the new Reserves system – I love being able to format the categories!”

*Political Science Professor*