Invest in Your Library

Why Your Institution’s Librarians are a Valuable Asset in a Collaboration Portfolio

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Howdy!

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Session Objectives

● Attendees will be able to articulate the importance of collaboration with other departments in order to increase their reach to the student population.

● Participants will be able to identify the benefits of collaborating with their academic library and using library resources (both human and academic) to explore nontraditional aspects of student financial wellness.

● By the end of the session, attendees will be able to adapt programmatic examples and best practices in order to fit their own institutional needs.
Session Roadmap

- Why the library?
- Integration into a Financial Literacy class
- Career Center Collaborations
Why Libraries?

- We promote literacy of all types, including financial, career, etc.
- We are a trusted source of information for students and faculty!
- Libraries frequently connect across campus with academic and non-academic departments.
- We're flexible! We can teach with many different methods, in different settings, and to different audiences.
Why BUSINESS Librarians?

- We are already connecting with the students in their classes.
- We are knowledgeable about company and industry research resources.
- We know how to form search queries that will get them the results they want.
- It benefits everyone! We strengthen ties to the campus community and support student success.
Librarians in the Classroom: Foundations of Money Education
# Foundations of Money Education

Texas A&M University

## Course Content

- budgeting
- saving & banking
- building credit
- investing
- buying a car

## Enrollment

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## Librarians

- Invited to guest lecture for one class session about marketing and advertising

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90% of consumers responded that advertising influences their purchasing decisions

81% of millennials (18-34) responded that advertising influences them to make a purchase

Source: Clutch Agency Digital Marketing Survey
December 2017
The Quicker Picker ________

Exercise adapted from Zoe Weil
TEDxYouth@BFS “Educating for Freedom”
Do the ________
Maybe she’s born with it.
Maybe it’s ________________
Taste the ________________
Can you identify the brand/product from just one letter?
313.50 Billion

Source: IBIS World
US SMART HOMES MARKET REPORT

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Soccer Moms

Median Age 36.6
Median Inc $84k
Prof/Mgmt
College Degree

• Go jogging, biking, target shooting
• Carry high level of debt
• Visit theme parks, zoos
• Own 2+ vehicles (minivans, SUVs)
• Shop, bank online
“Alex Loses Her Voice”
Superbowl LII Commercial
June 2019
UK Advertising Watchdog Committees of Advertising Practice (CAP) will ban harmful gender stereotypes, based on a review

The review found that “harmful stereotypes can restrict the choices, aspirations and opportunities of children, young people and adults” and that these stereotypes can be “reinforced by some advertising, which plays a part in unequal gender outcomes.”
How do you feel about this law? Is it necessary?
1. What audience is being targeted by this advertisement?

2. What deep need or desire is the ad promising to fulfill? (e.g. love, happiness, wealth, etc.)

3. What techniques are being used in this advertisement?

4. Are there any stereotypes in this advertisement? Are you bothered by them?

5. Who is excluded from/by this ad? (i.e. what classes, races, body types, values, etc.)
Other Ideas for Engagement

● Using library held resources (such as Consumer Reports) to help research large purchases

● Teaming up with the library to host events and speakers

● Highlighting personal finance books in the collection (David Ramsey, Rich Dad Poor Dad, David Bach) Compare theories, authors; read for extra credit in class
Career Center Collaborations
15 career advisors
760 workshops
19,000 contacts
WHY COLLABORATE?

- More communication across campus (fewer silos!)
- Extra resources (human and other)
- Shared knowledge (we each have our strengths!)
- Increased visibility and reputation
Support Throughout the Entire College Journey

New to Everything  Finding Their Path  Job Seeking  Former Students
OUR CONNECTIONS SO FAR

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Athletics

Career Center
HOW DO WE DO THIS?

- Workshops & Programs
- One-shots/Guest Lectures
- Tabling at Events
- Internet Resources & LibGuides
- Collection Development
- Train the Trainer
- Communication!
New to Everything

- Where can they find 'good' info on careers & majors?
- Introduce the Occupational Outlook Handbook - required education or experience, what is projected growth, locations?
- How to search for information using parameters & vocabulary
Job Seekers

- Where to find company and industry information
- How to prepare to speak intelligently on the company or career
- What databases are available for use while they are students - why should they take advantage of them?
- What do companies say they want students to know? What skills should they have?
Handouts & Displays

The West Campus Library Can Help You Research Your Career

You've picked out the perfect career fair outfit, printed copies of your meticulously written resume, and formed a list of companies you want to network with at the fair. Now what? Now, it's time to research those companies so you can go into that career fair both knowledgeable and prepared. The West Campus Library has both people and tools, examples listed below, to help you create your post-college path.

tamu.libguides.com/CareerResources

Company Research

- **LexisNexis Corporate Affiliations**
  Company hierarchies, executives, boards, and brands of public and private companies

- **ReferenceUSA**
  Directory of U.S. businesses; includes company name, business size, corporate linkages, SIC / NAIC, and geographic information

- **PrivCo**
  Business and financial data on major private companies; also offers information on M&A, VC funding, and private equity deals

Industry Research

- **IBISWorld USA**
  Industry profiles and reports include statistics, analysis, and forecasts

- **BMI Research**
  Contains country and industry business forecasts, company profiles, personnel listings, risk-assessments, growth projections, analysis of the business operating environment, and more
Welcome!

Howdy! Are you looking for a job after graduation? Interested in learning more about your chosen career? You've come to the right place!

This guide provides resources that you can use to research companies, careers, and industries as well as tips on improving your resume and interviewing skills.

Please reach out to your librarians or stop by the Libraries for help using the resources or any research questions. Contact the library through our AskUs service.

Getting Started

Not sure where to start? The resources below are recommended resources for getting started.

Texas A&M Career Center

Company Research

This guide has been prepared to help you perform company research.

Starting Points

The resources below are starting points for company research.

- **Merger Online**
  Provides current and historical financial data, links to lists of SEC filings and several years of annual reports for U.S. and non-U.S. companies
- **PrivCo**
  Private company information

**NAICS Code** - The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) uses six-digit codes to identify an industry. The NAICS system is gradually replacing the SIC system. Many resources use these codes to identify a company's activities, index companies by activity, and to define industry data and information. For more information on the history and structure of the NAICS, as well as to
Wrap Up

- Librarians are multi disciplinary and collaborative

- Teaming up with your library can help you reach more students and contribute to student success

- Engagement can be big or small
Questions?

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