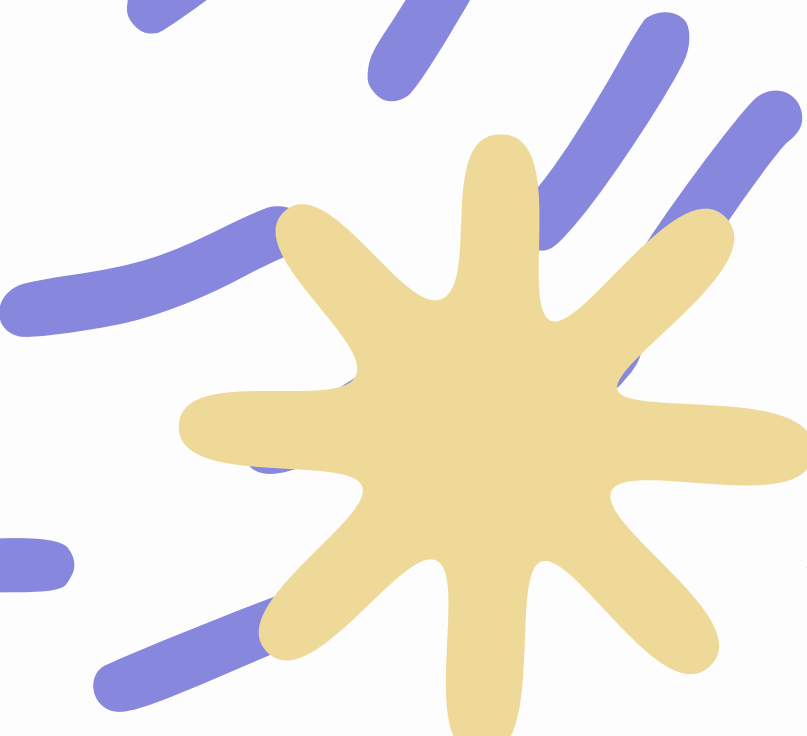




Better Together

Faculty and Librarian Partnerships for Student Success

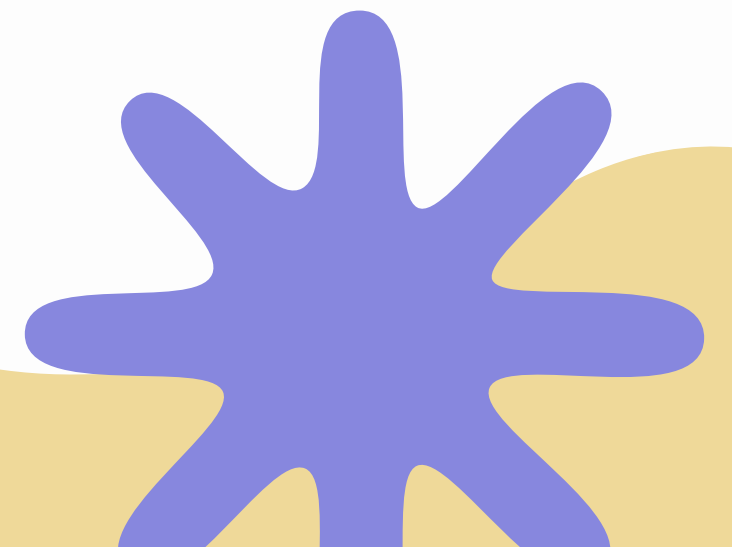
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Objectives

- Identify opportunities for meaningful faculty-librarian collaboration that support student engagement and research confidence.
- Apply a practical framework for implementing a faculty and librarian collaborative initiative.
- Generate one actionable collaborative initiative that fosters faculty-librarian collaboration.



Library Anxiety and the Confidence Gap

Practical Barriers

- Unaware help is available
- Limited time
- No access to WiFi
- Confusing systems

Cognitive Barriers

- Difficulty getting started
- Challenges navigating information

Emotional Barriers

- Fear of looking “stupid”
- Historical inequities in access
- Feeling out of place

Library Anxiety



Read more: [What is Library Anxiety?](#)

To Infinity and Beyond

Collaborative Information Literacy Instruction Models

The Launch Pad

The Assignment
Architect

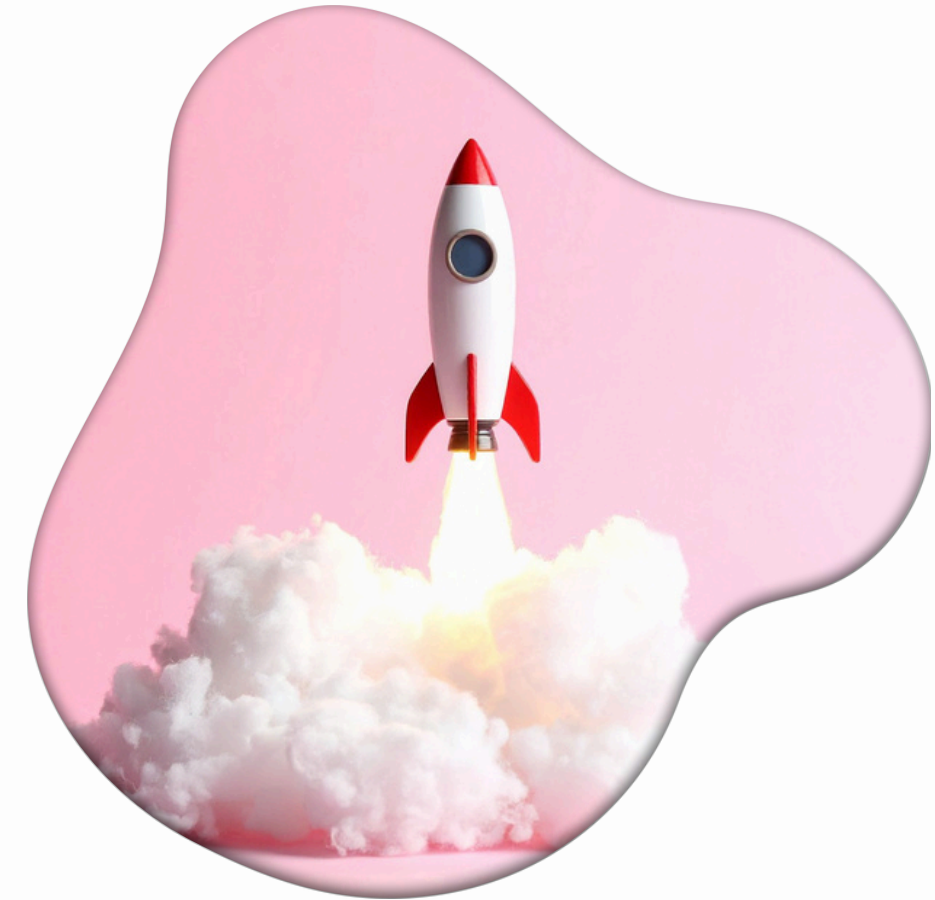
The Deep Dive

The Embedded Partner

Plus: Creative Collabs Beyond Instruction

The Launch Pad

- Library Introductions
- Navigating general resources
- Research process, avoiding pitfalls
- Topic development/brainstorming
- Library activities



The Deep Dive

- Layered web, databases
- Search strategies
- Ethical use of resources, citations
- AI in research
- Source evaluation
 - Truth or Trickery



Assignment Architect

- Your very own Class Library Guide
 - Scaffolded Research Support
- Handouts and supplemental materials for your class
 - Research Assignment Design



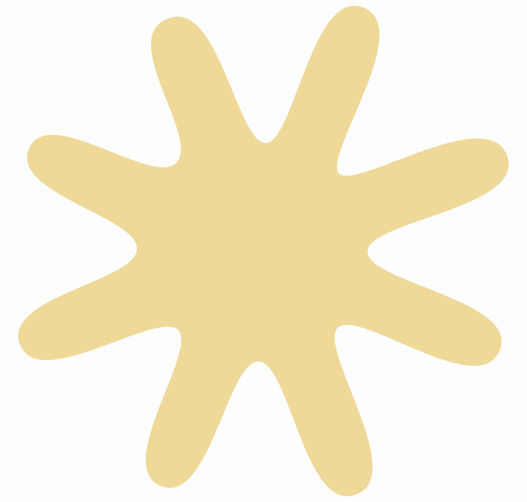
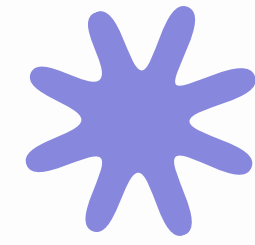
The Embedded Partner

- Scaffold the research process
 - Ongoing class support
- Open line of communication with a Librarian
 - Point of need instruction
- Multiple Modes of Engagement
 - Co-create classroom community





From Challenge to



Collaboration

Think–Pair–Share

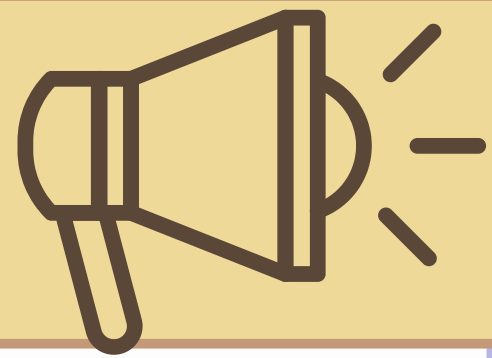
“What’s one assignment or moment in your class where students struggle and how could a librarian support this?”

Recap



- Explored impactful ways faculty and librarians can collaborate to strengthen student success, engagement, and research confidence
- Reviewed collaborative methods that have worked in our institution, ACC

Action



- Choose one collaborative strategy
- Connect with a campus librarian
- Collaborate to support students to success!