Valuing the User Experience in Library Publishing
Tuesday, March 21, 2017 3:45 - 4:45pm

Location
Whitehall Ballroom

Presenters
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Abstract

Libraries are increasingly pushing the boundaries in their roles as content creators and publishers of scholarly journals, monographs, educational resources, and multi-media digital projects. In this rapidly shifting landscape, the tools and platforms we use to create content and make it accessible are critical to our work. However, often little attention is paid to the usability of these tools, less so to the user experience of readers, authors, reviewers, and editors and the role that it plays in the adoption and success of library publishing programs and services. How can improving the user experience of publishing tools contribute positively to advancing the goals of library publishing and open access in the highly competitive commercial world of academic publishing? Why should libraries and developers of publishing platforms care about the user experience of authors, readers, and editors?

This session will explore online user experience (UX) for library publishing programs from three different perspectives:

Sonya Betz, Digital Initiatives Projects Librarian at the University of Alberta, will discuss the critical role UX can play in building the reputation and sustainability of a library-funded and operated journal hosting service.

Kevin Stranack, Associate Director for Community Engagement and Learning at Simon Fraser University Library's Public Knowledge Project will talk about the process and value of incorporating UX into an established software design cycle.

Jeanette Hatherill, Scholarly Communication Librarian at the University of Ottawa, will discuss the benefits of a UX design process from the user perspective

Attendees will leave this session with a better understanding of how editors’ and readers’ experiences of online publishing tools can influence library publishing services, and a greater appreciation for the value of user-centred design practices in sustaining and building these services.
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Session overview

Intro / UX in the wild

Activity

Speaker presentations

  UX & building the reputation and sustainability of library journal services

  UX & the software design cycle

  UX & the user - what’s in it for them?

Q&A
UX is everywhere

Focus on a deep understanding of users with the aim of improving the quality of their interaction

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Exists in both virtual and physical spaces

Marked and increasing interest in library land

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... whether we notice it or not!
In Stock.
Ships from and sold by Amazon.ca.
Gift-wrap available.

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Do you really want to cancel the reservation?
I’ve been posting my letters in the dog poo box for TWO YEARS

ALEF, 91, CONFUSES DISPOSAL BIN FOR NEARBY POSTBOX
Renovations continue to cause parking nightmares at Bayshore.
“Terrible Parking. Great variety of stores.”

“Wonderful shops, hell-ish parkade”

“Parking is horrible.”

“Parking is an absolute nightmare”

Reviewed 6 November 2015

“TIME FOR A DO-OVER BAYSHORE”

Reviewed 22 January 2017

I get it- the parkade is not that old, so you've invested a lot into it... but seriously. I no longer shop at Bayshore solely because of your parking. Is the designer of this fiasco still employed? It's just that much easier to go somewhere else where you don't get the hassles, and can find the same stores..... Sorry Bayshore...

More

Helpful?

Thank theresamartin2016
I'm sure it is as much a social experiment as a shopping centre.
UX matters because users pay attention
Activity

Think - reflect on a good and/or bad experience you have had as a user

Pair - turn to your colleagues and discuss what you came up with

Share - we’ll ask the group to share some of the main points they discussed
To view Sonya’s video, click the link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwXbqVc9w_ukQlFoSW5ZMFpGeDQ/view?usp=sharing
To view Kevin’s video, click the link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3KLkMnEv7PHeXNBWdqwZFXzXzg/view?usp=sharing
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Library publishing, especially in open source, as community effort
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As users we have a role in the process, participation is key in community.
Questions?

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