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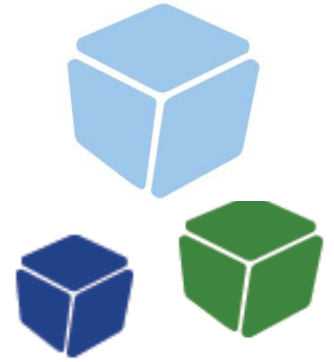
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# An Introduction to Library à la Carte



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<http://alacarte.library.oregonstate.edu/>

# What Is *Library à la Carte*?



- Custom content management system (**CMS**)
- Create:
  - Course assignment pages
  - Subject and general guides
  - Research and assessment tutorials
  - Portal pages
- **Free & open-source**
- Customizable and extensible



***"Library à la Carte is as easy to use as blog software and as familiar as Facebook. Nice design!" -Librarian***

# Customize | Collaborate | Connect

Build guides by creating and adding **reusable modules**

Use **web-based text editor and forms** to add text and images, insert links, create quizzes and more.

Search YouTube, Google, Flickr, and your own catalog to **easily embed interactive features** and library resources.

- **Attachments**
- **Book Search**
- **Comments**
- **Course Reserves**
- **Custom Content**
- **Databases**
- **Images**
- **Instructor Profile**
- **Librarian Profile**
- **Multi-Media Widget**
- **Quizzes**
- **RSS Feed**
- **YouTube Videos**
- **Web Links**



# Customize | Collaborate | Connect



## **Reuse**

Create and reuse modules across multiple guides (or tutorials)



## **Copy**

Copying modules, guides, and tutorials to easily build new content



## **Share**

Share modules, guides and tutorials with other users to create content together

# Customize | Collaborate | **Connect**

**Chat with a Librarian** for help at the point of need.

Collect **comments and feedback** from students

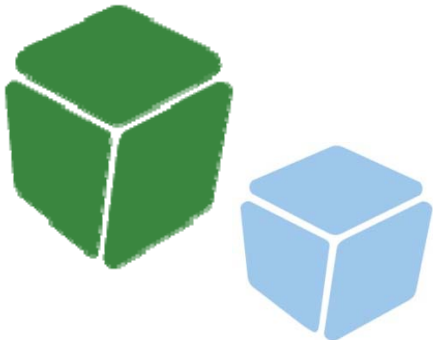
Learning **assessment** for **real time evaluation**.

**Bookmark and share** with social networking sites


**Suggest related guides** and resources for further exploration

**Print** versions and **RSS** feeds to **stay updated**

**Tags and search** for easy discovery.



# Portal Page Example



# Libraries

| [OSU Libraries](#) | [OSU](#)

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**Find It**

- ▶ [Find Books & Articles](#)
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**The Library**

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**Get Help**

[How Do I...](#)  
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## Get Help with a Subject

### Browse Subject Research Guides

**Browse by Subjects** | [Browse by A-Z](#)

- ▶ Agriculture
- ▶ Arts & Humanities
- ▶ Biological Sciences
- ▶ Business & Economics
- ▶ Earth and Environmental Sciences
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Engineering
- ▶ General Reference
- ▶ Government Information & Law
- ▶ Health Sciences
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ Multicultural Resources
- ▶ Natural Resources
- ▶ Physical Sciences
- ▶ Social Sciences
- ▶ Tips & Tools

Need help with your course assignment? Try the [Course Guides](#)

### Browse by Tags


[Conservation](#) [graduation](#) [graduate](#) [access](#) [databases](#) [resources](#) [services](#) [grants](#) [funding](#) [research](#) [money](#) [data](#) [GIS](#) [COAS](#) [atmosphere](#) [climate](#) [military](#) [military](#) [science](#) [ROTC](#) [war](#) [human](#) [rights](#) [peace](#) [maps](#) [atlases](#) [standards](#) [technical\\_reports](#) [EnvSci](#) [Environment](#) [History](#) [engineering](#) [presidential](#) [election](#) [vote](#) [presidential](#) [campaign](#) [presidential](#) [campaign](#) [politic](#) [democrat](#) [republican](#) [candidate](#) [databases](#) [open-access](#) [public-domain](#) [call](#) [numbers](#) [Botany](#) [Forest](#) [science](#) [Forest](#) [resources](#) [US](#)

**Guides** **Books** **Library**


### Search Library Guides


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### ask a librarian

 **OSULibraries is online**

Type **here** and hit enter to send a private message.  
edit nickname: [meeboguest863153](#)

 [get meebo](#)

 [Ask a Librarian](#)

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### About These Guides

[Students](#) | [Instructors](#) | [Librarians](#)

These Library Guides suggest tips and search strategies for finding and using information in a course, discipline, topic or format.

# Course Page Example

## Business Librarian

### Laurie Bridges

Office Hours: By Appointment


Office Location: The Valley Library

Contact Info:

VLibLaurie

[Laurie.Bridges@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Laurie.Bridges@oregonstate.edu)

### Ask Laurie

 vliblaurie is offline  
leave a message

Type **here** and hit enter to  
send an offline message.

edit nick: [meeboquest586756](#)



[get meebop](#)

## Related Guides

[Business](#)

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## BA 469: Strategic Management with John Morris

### Info about Companies and Competitors

[Standard & Poor's NetAdvantage](#) Choose "Companies" from the top menu bar (includes only companies in the S&P 500).

[Google Finance](#) lists "Related Companies" in each company profile.



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### Finding Books in the Library Catalog

[OSU Catalog](#)

The OSU catalog lists all the books held in the Valley Library or storage.

## Course Instructor

### John Morris

Office:  
Bexell 427

Contact:

[john.morris@bus.oregonstate.edu](mailto:john.morris@bus.oregonstate.edu)

## LibraryFind Search for Business

Enter keywords

**\*\*Search results open in a new window\*\***


## Favorite Websites from the Business Librarian

 [my del.icio.us tags](#)

[Accounting](#) [Agriculture](#) [Associations](#) [business](#) [census](#)  
[Company](#) [country](#) [data](#) [Definitions](#) [Demographics](#)  
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# Subject Guide Example




## Libraries


### Geosciences & Environmental Sciences Librarian

**Andrea Wirth**  
Office Hours: By appointment  
Office Location: Valley Library  
Contact Info:  
VLibAndrea (AIM), 737-9903  
[andrea.wirth@oregonstate.edu](mailto:andrea.wirth@oregonstate.edu)

**Andrea at Valley**

 vlibandrea is offline  
leave a message

Type **here** and hit enter to send an offline message.  
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 [get meebop](#)


### About this Guide

## Geography


**Books** **Journal articles** **Current Events/News** **Geography Links** **GIS Resources**

### News

#### Geography




**A Big Map That Shrank the World**  
A 1602 world map created by the Italian-born Jesuit priest Matteo Ricci, which places China at its center, is on display at the Library of Congress.



**Online Maps: Everyman Offers New Directions**  
From Petaluma to Peshawar, volunteer cartographers are logging details of neighborhoods near and far.

#### Stamp Acts

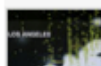
The longer I spent searching in the atlas, tracking down postal entrepôts, the more I began to equate stamp issuance in the 1920s with the causes of war or unrest 10 or even 50 years later.



**Where Am I?**  
A neuroscientist explains how people have become disconnected from their settings, requiring a GPS to get anywhere.

#### The Familiar Place

Familiarity seems inherent, but it's really an artifact of consciousness.



**Mapping the Cultural Buzz: How Cool Is That?**  
A new study that measures what it calls "the geography of buzz" in New York and Los Angeles

# Tutorial Example

[OSU Libraries Home](#) > [Demos & Guides](#)

## Tutorial 1: Getting Started With Your Research

Start

Break It Down ▾

A Conversation ▾

Login

### About this tutorial

This tutorial will help you learn to identify the different parts of an assignment sheet or syllabus related to research planning and find out how to participate in research as a scholar.

Login



This tutorial has **2 units** and **1 quiz**.

Make sure you complete all the quiz questions. Remember, you can only take the graded quizzes once.

### What to expect

#### Unit 1: Breaking Down the Assignment

Identify the different parts of an assignment sheet or syllabus related to research planning.

#### Unit 2: Research as a Scholarly Conversation

Research can be viewed as a scholarly conversation, between you and people who have previously done work on various aspects of your topic. In this section you will learn how to join this conversation and some appropriate ways to use the ideas and words of other researchers.

#### Quiz: Quoting, Paraphrasing, and Summarizing (12 points)

Last Update: January 05, 2010 16:48

Tagged with: **research planning assignment syllabus assignment planner timelines format requirements source requirements**

# Tutorial Lesson Example

[Start](#)[Break It Down ▾](#)[A Conversation ▾](#)[+ My Quizzes](#)[Join In](#) [Dialoging](#) [Quoting](#) [Paraphrasing](#) [Summarizing](#) [Citing](#) [Quiz](#)

## Unit 2: Research as a Scholarly Conversation

[«](#) [1](#) [2](#) [3](#) [4](#) [5](#) [6](#) [7](#) [»](#)

### Your role in the scholarly conversation: dialoging

As you dig more deeply into your sources, you may begin to feel as though you're having a conversation with some of the experts. This is the way good research works: you'll agree with some sources, disagree with others, and begin to see trends in the information you gather. You will pull all of these sources together, along with your own ideas to create a feeling of dialog in your paper.

Listen as Heather talks about what makes college-level research distinct, and how you can add your own voice to your research.

[Transcript](#)

# Quiz Example

## Tutorial 1: Getting Started With Your Research

[Log Out](#)

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[A Conversation](#)

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[Join In](#) [Dialoging](#) [Quoting](#) [Paraphrasing](#) [Summarizing](#) [Citing](#) [Quiz](#)

### Unit 2: Research as a Scholarly Conversation

« 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 »

#### Quiz: Quoting, Paraphrasing, Summarizing

This quiz assesses your ability to distinguish three different ways of using someone else's words in your writing.

**There are THREE questions on this quiz. You may go back and review any page in the tutorial before submitting your answers.**

**In the first version of my paper (in blue) did I quote, paraphrase or summarize this passage? (5 points)**

- ☐ quote
- ☐ paraphrase
- ☐ summarize
- ☐ none of the above

**In the second version of my paper (in orange), did I quote, paraphrase or summarize this passage? (5 points)**


- ☐ quote
- ☐ paraphrase
- ☐ summarize
- ☐ none of the above

**It is only necessary to provide a citation when you are directly quoting another source. (2 points)**

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

[Grade My Quiz](#) You can only take the quiz once.

# Creation Tool


Library à la Carte™


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Hello Kimberly Griggs

### Modules


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### My Pages


 [Create a New Course Page](#)


 [Browse Your Course Pages](#)

### Overview


You have 0 published course pages, 0 archived course pages, 0 published subject guides, 0 published tutorials, 0 archived tutorials, and 280 modules.


 [Edit Your Account](#)  
Edit your user name, email or password.

 [Edit Your ONID Account](#)  
Edit your ONID account.

 [Get Help](#)  
Get help and read about new features.

### Recent Activity

 [Upgrade Test2](#)

 [Upgrade Test2](#)



[Edit Module](#)Module Title\* 

## Cat Images

Private Label\* ?

## Cat Images

### General Information ?

Path: p

## Layout Options

### What Image Size? ?

☐ Square (75 x 75) ☐ Thumbnail (100 x 75) ☐ Small (max width: 250) ☒ Full Screen

### What Orientation? ?

☒ Vertical ☐ Horizontal

[+ Add Image by URL](#)

[Search Flickr Images](#)

Search

**Search Flickr Images**

Orange Cat

Search

Title: Day 24 / 365 - Kitty in a Box

Description: January 24. Kiss kiss.

Owner: anitakhart



Title: "...but it's empty!"

Description: Yeah, he eats crap canned food. Don't hate.

Owner: Jess McDougall



 [Add Image](#)

Title: The reason there is cat hair on everything.

Description: I can't say that I blame him. Its like when you pull hot sheets out of the dryer and you cant wai...

Owner: Jessica Sprenkle



 [Add Image](#)

Title: Lolly's Drinking water

Description:

Owner: Pip K



 [Add Image](#)

## Cat Images



# Edit Course Page

## AED 123: tesy

 [Preview](#) | [Publish](#) | [Unarchive](#)

### Edit Page

[+ Add New Tab](#)

[+ Add Modules](#) | [Toggle Columns](#)

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**Cat Images**



**test**



**Uploadables**



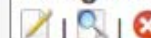
**Argument Paper & Information Lite...**




**Character tips**



**Assignment**



# Admin Customizations

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## Admin Tools

### Users

- [Add User](#)
- [View User Accounts](#)
- [View Pending User Accounts](#)
- [View User Emails](#)
- [Auto Archive](#)

### Customizations

- [Templates](#)  
Add your library's banner and logo, names, useful links, custom color scheme and set the footer information.
- [Search Engines](#)  
Add code snippets for a google CSE, catalog and site search.
- [Configure Content Types](#)  
Configure the types of guides and modules users can create.
- [Configure Admin Email Addresses](#)  
Configure the email addresses that you want mail sent to/from.

### Database Management

- [Customize Subjects](#)  
Add, Edit, or Delete Course Subjects.
- [Customize Master Subjects](#)  
Add, Edit, or Delete Guide Master Subjects.
- [Customize Database Subscriptions](#)



# Customization Map

**Library à la Carte**  
Library information made to order

**Logo URL**

**Banner URL**

**Library & University URL and Name**  
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**Library Quick Links**  
[Find Books & Articles](#)  
[Using the library](#)  
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**Library Quick Links and Name**

**About These Guides**  
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Course guides suggest tips and search strategies for finding and using information specific to a course or assignment. You can browse the course guides by tags, alphabetically, or filter by department.

**Get Help with a Class**  
**Portal Page Tile**

**Browse Course Guides**

**Browse by department:**

Sorry there are no current course guides for this department.  
Didn't find what you were looking for? Try the [Archived Course Guide](#)

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**Guides** **Books** **Library**  
**Search Library Guides**

**Get Help**

**ask a librarian**

**Library General Chat or other contacts**

Type **here** and hit enter to send a private message.  
edit nickname: meeboguest917972

**Librarian Help URL** → **Ask a Librarian**  
Make an appointment with a librarian.

**Footer Text** → [Oregon State University Libraries](#) | [Contact](#) | [Demo Login](#)


# CSU-SM Customization

Library

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California State University San Marcos

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ANTH 200: Cultural Anthropology (Marion)

Contact Info

Melanie Chu, Outreach Librarian

Office Hours: By appt or when door is open (summer)

Office Location: KEL 3426

(760) 750-4378

[mchu@csusm.edu](mailto:mchu@csusm.edu)


Research help

Melanie is online

A flyover comment says to leave email-if person is offline.

Type **here** and hit enter to send a private message.

edit nickname: [meeboguest628592](#)

 [get meeb](#)

Scholarly Research

Finding Articles

Finding Books


Citing Sources

What is Scholarly Research?

Find out what professors mean by "scholarly" or "academic" research with this [quick tutorial](#) and comparison [chart](#).

[Is Wikipedia OK for research?](#)

Checklist

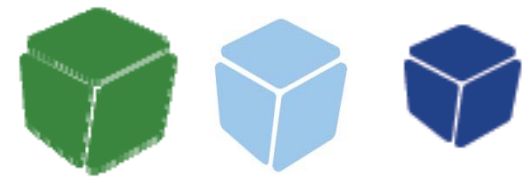
Make sure your sources are scholarly with this [checklist](#) .

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Related Subject Guides

[Communication 390: Research Methods & Design](#)

# Building Community



- CSU-San Marcos
- CSU-Monterey Bay
- Portland Community College
- Reed College
- CSU-Northridge
- CSU-Channel Islands
- University of Georgia

- Humboldt State University
- University of Puget Sound
- Washington State Community College
- Montana State University
- University of Arizona
- Oregon Health and Sciences University



# Local Install or **Hosted Solution**

## **Tech Stack**

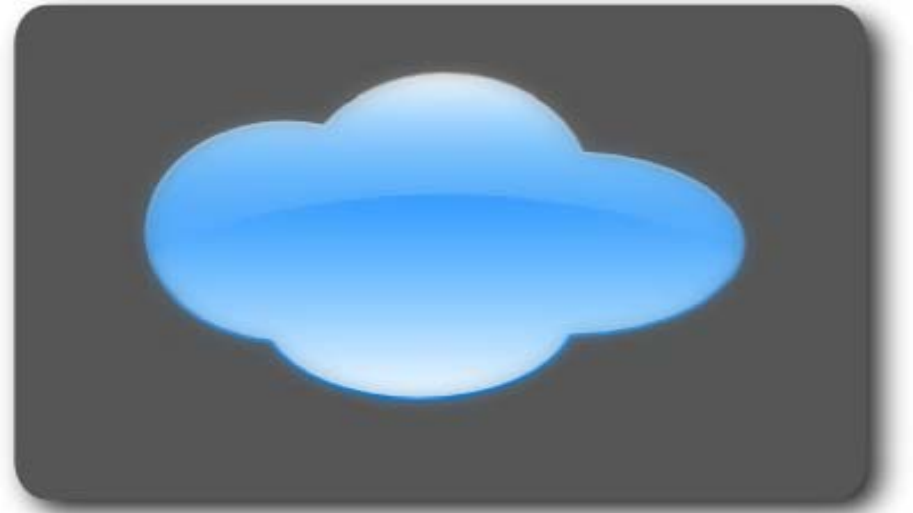
Ruby (1.8.7)

Gems (1.3.1)

Rails (2.3.2)

Database (MySQL)

Server (Apache)



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