Library Instruction Options - Freshman/Sophomore Level

The “Traditional” Session

- Pre-test
- An overview of the physical library space
- An introduction to and searching of our online catalog
- Databases appropriate to the subject of the course for which the instruction is taught
- How to obtain materials not owned by our library.
- General library activity that allows students to complete a one-sided worksheet for a topic of their choosing.
- Post-test

The “Pre-formatted” Topic Session

- Pre-test
- An overview of the physical library space
- An introduction to and searching of our online catalog
- Databases appropriate to the subject of the course for which the instruction is taught
- How to obtain materials not owned by our library.
- Students will be paired up or into small groups, based on class size, and will be assigned one of twelve or so pre-chosen topics. Students will work together to complete a worksheet that emphasizes each of the areas covered in the session.
- Post-test

The “Shark Tank” Session

- Pre-test
- An overview of the physical library space
- An introduction to and searching of our online catalog
- Databases appropriate to the subject of the course for which the instruction is taught
- How to obtain materials not owned by our library.
- Students will be paired up or into small groups, based on class size, and will compete in a “Shark Tank” style competition with the librarian(s) and professor serving as the “sharks” with an information problem needing to be solved.
- Post-test

The “Flipped” Session

- Pre-test
- An overview of the physical library space
- An introduction to and searching of our online catalog
- Databases appropriate to the subject of the course for which the instruction is taught
- How to obtain materials not owned by our library.
- Librarians will give students 5-15 minutes to search for an article related to their assignment. After everyone has found at least one relevant article, volunteers will come to the front to demonstrate their search. This activity can also be done in groups, where each group is assigned a different database to search.
- Post-test