Keeping Up With Technology
Using Agile Project Management for Mobile Library Services
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The Oviatt Library has a new Mobile Strategy Planning and Project Group whose purpose is to provide a forum and framework for planning and coordinating the Library’s services for mobile users using agile project management. This management style uses teams that follow the five-phase model:

Envision-Speculate-Explore-Adapt-Close

Traditional management models are task-oriented and follow the six-phase model: Initiate-Plan-Define-Design-Build-Test. Composition of the agile project team may include faculty, staff, and/or student library employees in an attempt to harness the collective knowledge of those who assist library users. Our users are students, faculty, staff, and the public. We have undergraduate and graduate level programs in health administration, health education, nursing, physical therapy, kinesiology, communication disorders, radiology, environmental health, biology, and chemistry.

Mobile Strategy Planning and Project Group

Tasks
• Review mobile service development priorities
• Develop a series of small, iterative projects
• Prioritize the projects
• Review and reprioritize after each project cycle

Projects to Explore
• Existing surveys of library patron mobile capabilities
• Mobile survey efforts on campus
• Mobile-ready library databases

Issues to Address
• Subscription requirements for EBSCO databases and EndNote Web
• Authentication on-campus and off-campus
• Evaluation of mobile apps and websites

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