Evaluating the digital university library: case study of Loughborough University Library

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Content of session

Background to Loughborough University and its Library

Presentations on evaluating 5 aspects of its digital library

Group work to consider how effective evaluation was





Background to Loughborough University

- * 12000 full time students
- * 2000 part time students
- * Largest university campus in UK
- * In top 15 of UK universities (Sunday Times University of the Year for 2008)
- * Located in Midlands of England
- * Research intensive

















Background to Loughborough University Library

- * Single Library building that opened in 1980
- * 7777 sq metres on 3 levels
- * 780 study spaces + 140 open access pcs
- * 450,000 books
- * Over 6000 e-journals
- * 86 staff































Also provides a digital library service







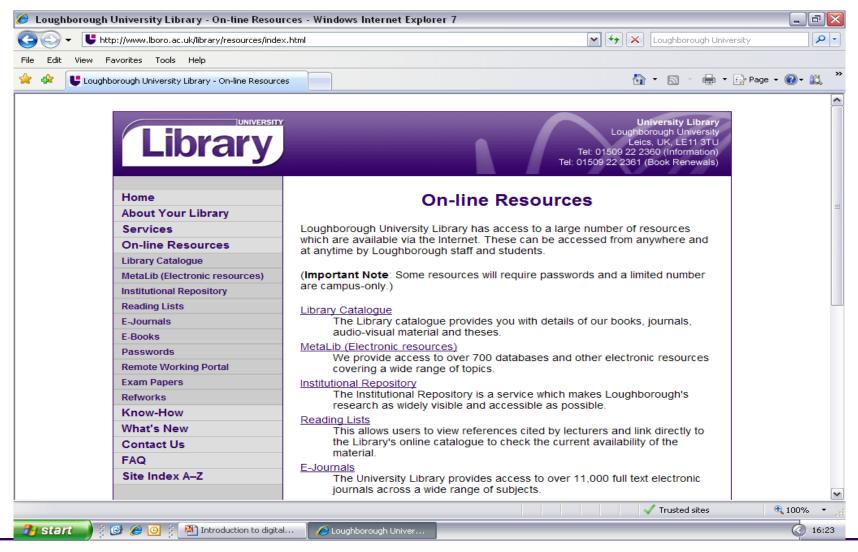
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Wide range of electronic resources







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Evaluation approaches to 5 aspects of digital library at Loughborough

- 1. academics use of e-journals
- 2. academics use of search engines
- 3. library web pages
- 4. changes in use of physical space
- 5. students use of computers





What was successful about the approach to evaluation?

What other approaches could have been taken to the evaluation?



