

Library Essentials: Providing easily accessible information for ECU Library Services

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Library Essentials was developed after a 2017 review of the Library Learning Blackboard module. The review team consisted of staff from the Library Services Centre, the Centre for Learning and Teaching, and Learning Technology Support Officers. A key recommendation from the review was that content should be redeveloped with a focus on:

- 'How-to' guides
- Library guides
- Contact details

The project plan incorporated best practice models for delivering information and ensuring accessibility standards were met.¹ Library Essentials was redeveloped by Subject Librarians using the Springshare LibGuides platform, a resource that can be accessed freely on the Internet. An important aspect of the project was the use of Learning Tools Interoperability (LTI). This enabled the guide to be embedded in Blackboard so students are able to access it seamlessly with their course material.

The guide includes key information about ECU Library Services and is presented with minimal text. It features a series of short training videos to guide students step by step through the use of library resources. This is particularly beneficial to new students from diverse backgrounds in line with 4.2 ECU Student Success Blueprint 2018-2021.

The success of the project can be measured by the promising statistics after a soft launch on the 10th August, there were over 10,500 views in the first six weeks.

1. 2.2 ECU Technology-enhanced Learning Blueprint 2017-2021