The Creation of Online LibGuides

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The primary goal of Sha'anan College is to train teachers for state-religious schools, state schools and independent schools. In addition, it grants advanced academic degrees and offers continuing academic education, workshops and high-level training courses for the teaching staff.

While examining the information needs of the library's visitors, the library staff revealed that the students found it difficult to use the library catalog and other information resources. In addition, special difficulties related to proper citation of academic sources of information according to the APA (Social Sciences) and Tarbitz (Jewish Studies) rules.

The LibGuides will provide a basic orientation for new students and will answer common questions. The use of visual Internet tools presented by the project will significantly increase the accessibility of the library resources to students and will promote the library as the center of academic studies at the educational institution.

The use of the LibGuides will make it easier for users in the religious-Haredi sector to cross the digital divide of modern technologies.

These LibGuides will use advanced visualization tools and will be place at the library site.

All LibGuides will be built on the Power Point platform, which can be converted to video or web display in the future. The Power Point platform makes it easy to convert to other formats.

The workflow stages are:

The first presentation will provide a virtual tour of the library. The virtual will give the first impression and orientation in the library and its resources.

The second presentation is a LibGuide to the library catalog, together with general introduction to the library practices.

The third presentation is an explanation guide for academic writing and the proper citation of sources according to the APA and Tarbitz rules.

Following the exposure to digital literacy and the digital divide in the academic department of information and knowledge management, I decided to gather information and background for understanding the character of the college population and to examine the gaps in knowledge the use of technology.The use of the LibGuides will reduce the digital divide in studies at the College.