Implementing a Library Team Research Service

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- Evolution of the service
- Types of documentation
- Could team approach work for you?
Why Did the Research Team Concept Evolve?

Parallel developments

• Lunch and Learn sessions Fall 2010 -> identified support personnel as needing training

• College-wide emphasis on research -> increased faculty need for research skills
How Has the Research Team Concept Evolved?

Sequence of planning events

- Brainstorm ideas and create overview
- Develop liaison “job description”
- Conduct training sessions
- Gather ideas for promo to faculty
- Meet with department chairs
What Types of Documents Support Our Goals?

Goals

• Develop new library service
• Inform users of library resources and the research process
• Clarify librarian and others’ roles
What Types of Documents Support Our Goals?

Documents

• Project overview with all details
• Flowchart of research process
• Library liaison “job description”
• Flyer for faculty
Could a Library Research Team Approach Work for Me?

Basic questions to ask:

• Too much librarian time spent on “non search strategy” tasks?
• Potential library liaisons in departments?
• Support from department chairs?