

BlackBoard Users:

Looking for Ways to Encourage Your Class to Use the Library?

- **CONSPICUOUSLY** link to the STL's website and RESEARCH AREAS in your External Links section, or Course Description area [or both!]
- **Consult with the library** to develop a list of search tools and websites.
- **Post Database User Guides** and Pathfinders in your course space. STL creates nearly 100 guides and handouts each year: If we don't already have one that meets your class's needs, we will create one!
- **Clearly inform students of your research expectations** in the Course Description area of your site. Stress to them that many of our services are online. By stating your expectations, and then strategically posting links to STL's resources, students will be more inclined to use them.
- **Add a Librarian to your site!** A librarian can participate in email and real-time discussions, and can address research-related questions on your class's bulletin board. We can "visit" your site periodically throughout the semester.
- **Develop assignments that highlight STL resources** and services. Example: "Use the Lexis/Nexis database to find two contrasting news reports... ." And don't forget about ERES!
- **Post links to the library's hours** and Information services. Encourage your students to take advantage of our consultation services. We offer more than 50 hours of in-person assistance every week, and also work with students by phone and email. STL has a librarian who specializes in distance and online learning!
- **Services for Distance Learners** (Including Online Classes) [<http://www.newpaltz.edu/~ref>]
- **STL Information Services** [<http://lib.newpaltz.edu/policies/service.html>]
- **Online Request Forms** (Research Consultations and "Ask-A-Librarian")
<http://lib.newpaltz.edu/banner/forms/forms.html>



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