

## 23 Things and some Web 2.0 initiatives

Deakin and Swinburne library staff completed the 23 Things discovery and learning program in 2007. Library staff at Deakin had varied responses to it, but it has generated some ideas for web 2.0 based initiatives.....

Colin Bates – CRIG Forum May 16 2008. “Web 2.0 – Let’s look at what we can do...”

Monash University Caulfield Campus



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- The program was offered to staff via a blog with a Deakin and Swinburne entry point.
- <http://www.23things-sd.blogspot.com/>
- Blog – this tied the program together and everyone created one and used it to note their experiences and results. Blogs could be shared with colleagues
- Staff experiences – varied – but largely positive

## Brief overview of 23 Things

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a blog page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'SEARCH BLOG', 'FLAG BLOG', and 'Next Blog'. Below this is a header section with the text '23 Things SWINBURNE AND DEAKIN UNIVERSITY ONLINE LEARNING' and logos for Swinburne University of Technology and Deakin University. The main content area is titled 'Welcome!' and contains two links to audio introductions by Derek Whitehead and Anne Horn. A paragraph follows, describing the program as an invitation for staff to learn about Web 2.0 technologies. Below this is another paragraph acknowledging the program's development by Helene Blowers and its use by libraries worldwide. A photo of Derek Whitehead is shown with the caption 'DEREK WHITEHEAD'. At the bottom, there is a footer with 'zotero' and a weather widget showing 'Now: Mostly Cloudy, 13° C'.

SEARCH BLOG FLAG BLOG Next Blog

**23 Things**  
SWINBURNE AND DEAKIN UNIVERSITY  
ONLINE LEARNING

SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

**Welcome!**

Play audio introduction by Derek Whitehead, Swinburne

Play audio introduction by Anne Horn, Deakin

This is an invitation to all staff of Swinburne University of Technology and Deakin University Libraries to learn more about Web 2.0 technologies through a program that will help you update your skills and learn more about new technologies that are freely available on the internet.

We have called this initiative 23 Things after the program developed by Helene Blowers from the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. The program has been licensed under Creative Commons and is used by libraries around the world. We would also like to acknowledge the help of the staff at the Yarra Plenty Library and in particular Lynette Lewis, who has inspired us to undertake this learning journey.

DEREK WHITEHEAD

You are encouraged to play, have fun and do it all at your own

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The difference is **Deakin University**

## What things?

- The program had a structure week by week and coverage included:
  - Blogs
  - Wikis
  - iGoogle
  - Flickr and images
  - RSS
  - Facebook, MySpace etc.
- Staff could explore topics, applications and interfaces



# 13 week program (or longer...)

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- **Week 1: About 23 Things**
- 1. Read about the 23 Things programme
- **Week 2: Start a blog**
- 2. Create your own blog and write something
- 3. Send us the link to your blog
- **Week 3: Blog comments and photo sharing**
- 4. Comment on each others' blogs
- 5. Create a flickr account
- 6. Join a flickr group
- **Week 4: Play week**
- 7. Play with a funny image generator
- 8. Play with LibraryThing
- **Week 5: RSS feeds and blogs**
- 9. Install a feed reader
- 10. Subscribe to digg
- 11. Subscribe to some library related blogs
- **Week 6: Get social**
- 12. Explore MySpace and Facebook
- **Rest week**
- Congratulations, if you have completed all 12 Things so-far, you get a week off!
- **Week 7: Google tools**
- 13. Play with Google Maps
- 14. Play with Google Docs & Spreadsheets
- 15. Play with Google Book Search
- **Week 8: Google home page**
- 16. Create your own iGoogle home page
- **Week 9: Social bookmarking and Library 2.0**
- 17. Play with del.icio.us
- 18. Read about the Library 2.0 movement
- **Week 10: Wikis and video sharing**
- 19. Put a photo of your pet on the wiki
- 20. Watch YouTube videos people have made about libraries
- **Week 11: Podcasts**
- 21. Find and listen to a Podcast or two
- **Week 12: Second Life and libraries?**
- 22. Read about Second Life and how libraries are using it
- **Week 13: Conclusion**
- 23. Give feedback about the programme



## Initiatives...

- Concrete Web 2.0 based outcomes so far at Deakin
- Kat Clancy will look at in more detail, but they include
  - Face Book page for the library
  - Search pass throughs in applications like Face Book and iGoogle
  - Polling on the library web page
  - Use of Meebo for interactive chat
  - Wikis – the LibraryWiki





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## Main Page

Welcome to LibraryWiki [edit]

This space is for Library staff to share information on all things library related - from the latest technology to the best training methods and everything in between.

LibraryWiki is an online knowledge base or 'encyclopedia' in a broad sense for Deakin University Library. Library staff can add their knowledge and expertise to LibraryWiki through Wiki articles, links to other resources, and the addition of training content, presentations, and images.

Use the **navigation** options at the left to browse for topics, or use the **search** option to find LibraryWiki content on specific keywords.

Library staff can add a signature to content they add to the LibraryWiki - this is a helpful thing to do to keep our communication and information sharing as open as possible. How to do this is detailed in the help pages. See [Help:Contents#How\\_do\\_I\\_sign\\_my\\_posts.3F](#) for more detail. The very next help topic then tells you "How do I get my wiki userpage set up?". You add your own profile page to the LibraryWiki this way - the signature is the link. --Colin 14:29, 14 September 2007 (EST)

navigation

- LibraryWiki mainpage
- Web tools and resources
- Information literacy
- Search interfaces
- Technology and hardware
- eResources and EBL
- The lighter side...

librarywiki administration

- Current events
- Recent changes
- Random page
- Help

search

Go Search

LibraryWiki is a way of sharing in house developments and information

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## Information literacy


Did they get it ? Evaluating learning [edit]

Here's a range of resources that provide information, ideas and strategies on assessment and evaluation of learning. This is a growing resource, so you're encouraged to add your own favourite strategies and join in the discussion (via the Discussion tab) on this topic.

**Did they get it? Evaluating student learning** [1] This is a really helpful one page document outlining strategies that can be used to evaluate student learning after a one-shot session, or for more in-depth assignments. It includes strategies such as:

- *Three Things You Learned*: At the end of the session, ask students to write down on an index card three things that they learned.
- *Muddiest point*: At the end of the session, ask students to write down on a piece of paper what they found most confusing.
- *One-minute paper*: At the end of the session, give students one minute to write what they learned.

**Critical incident questionnaire** by Stephen Brookfield [2] This is a relatively simple assessment technique that investigates students' experiences of teaching. You can ask a series of 5 questions to work out student engagement in



Want to know whether learners actually get what we're trying to teach?

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## ...and explorations

- 23 Things started staff thinking about how to apply 'things' in their day to day activities and work.
- Some were personal, some were work related of course
- Library explorations:
  - iGoogle and Netvibes (offering personalised content)
  - YouTube video in library online content eg. Subject guides using the Springshare interface
  - RSS from: the catalogue; subject guides, portals
  - Individual current awareness and information management





Google Search I'm Feeling Lucky

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**Deakin University Library Search**

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Keyword


limit to:  journals [more options](#)

**Dictionary.com**

Search: Dictionary.com

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# Netvibes – Medicine tab

The screenshot shows a Netvibes dashboard for the 'Medicine' tab. At the top, there's a browser window with the URL 'http://www.netvibes.com/#Medicine'. Below the browser, the Netvibes interface includes a navigation bar with tabs for 'General', 'Internet', 'News and RSS', 'fun', 'Horses', and 'Medicine (420)'. The main content area is divided into several widgets:

- Search Embase.com:** A search box with the Elsevier logo and a search button. Below it, there are links to add the widget to various browsers like Google, Apple Dashboard, Opera, Windows Vista, and Windows Live.
- Search PubMed:** A search box with the PubMed logo and a search button. Similar to the Embase widget, it has links to add it to various browsers.
- (125) Listen to The Lancet:** A list of podcast episodes with dates and 'next' buttons. A tooltip is visible over one of the items: 'Teenage smoking is a global public-health problem. In this week's podcast Professor Rhona Campbell...'. There are also 'edit' and 'star' icons.
- (39) New England Journal of Medicine:** A list of articles with titles and dates, including 'EARLY RELEASE: Contaminated Heparin Associated with Adverse Clinical Events and Activation of the Contact System'.
- (34) BioMed Central - Latest articles:** A list of recent articles with titles and dates, such as 'A malignant omental extra-gastrointestinal stromal tumor on a young man: a case report and review of the literature'.
- (26) The Lancet Oncology:** A list of articles with titles and dates, including 'This Week in Science'.
- (52) Science: Current Issue:** A list of articles with titles and dates, including 'Editors' Choice' and 'Science Scope'.
- (35) New Scientist - Latest Headlines:** A list of headlines with titles and dates, such as 'Jupiter moon's poles 'wandered' far and wide'.
- (20) Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics:** A list of articles with titles and dates, including 'Abortion, embryonic stem cell research, and waste'.
- (6) Forbes.com: Science and Medicine News:** A list of news items with titles and dates, including 'Driving on Air'.
- (15) Science Quick Picks:** A list of quick picks with titles and dates, including 'Open Access Directory (OAD)'.

Search boxes  
Gadgets  
RSS feeds  
Pod Casts

## Future activity

- Deakin will continue to actively explore the possibilities of web 2.0 applications in providing library services and applications
- Some applications will be taken up, others may wait for development or technical infrastructure
- Some are just too 'niche' for priority work
- Whatever your situation, jump on the rollercoaster and try things out...



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## Links:

- 23 Things - <http://www.23things-sd.blogspot.com/>
- iGoogle - <http://www.google.com/ig>
- Netvibes - <http://www.netvibes.com/>
- DU subject guides (Springshare) - <http://deakin.libguides.com/>
- Deakin experimental page - <http://www.deakin.edu.au/library/news/labs.php>
- Library Face Book - <http://www.facebook.com/apps/application.php?id=6578931575>







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