

For my final project, I have chosen to redesign my library's interlibrary loan pages. When redesigning these pages I had a number of criteria I wanted to consider and incorporate and wanted to keep in mind Nielsen's heuristics for web page design. Many people end up on the web page simply because they want to log in to their account; therefore I wanted to make the log in obvious on every page so they would not have to waste time searching for it. I also wanted to provide detailed information for the service, but not create obstacles to specific, user needed information. The left sidebar is an easy to decipher navigator to specific information. As Nielsen advocates, "Minimize the user's memory load by making objects, actions, and options visible."

To this effect, I also chose to use pictures and icons when possible so important links or information stands out. As Smashing Magazine states, "Focusing users' attention to specific areas of the site with a moderate use of visual elements can help your visitors to get from point A to point B without thinking of how it actually is supposed to be done"

In following the "keep it simple" approach suggested by Smashing Magazine, I will:

- Use clear text and a font that is easy to read. Don't use too much text, students don't want extra reading.
- Use a common color scheme throughout the site so no one has to question if they click a link "am I still on the same site?"
- Keep the background white or light colored for better contrast and readability.

I also plan on using Jing for videos. Jing is a screen capture program that stores on your pictures on your computer or on a cloud network. It is very easy to use and will allow me to create a series of "how to videos." While not interactive in the strict Web 2.0 sense, the use of videos to explain will make the pages more user friendly.

I feel that I have achieved my goals in this web site and in learning objectives for this class. I have created an easy to navigate, easy to read website that interlibrary loan users will find useful. I have learned basic XHTML and CSS coding. The readings have pointed me to future of librarianship that stays connected through technology. Keeping abreast of technology and technological trends will remain an integral part of librarianship. It is an exciting adventure ahead.

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