Reeling Them In: On-site Practicum Experiences for Library / Information Science Students in Distance Learning Programs

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Past Projects

★ Evaluating genetics collection
★ Developing public library web page
★ Teaching chemistry research course

What’s it take?

• Good practicum description
• Range of interesting projects
• Students, Faculty Advisors, Librarian Supervisors
• Attention, flexibility, commitment

Who cares?

Student:
“It had a very ‘real-life’ feel to it…It is the sort of work that may be expected of a professional librarian.”

Faculty Advisor:
“We all recognize [the practical experience] as valuable but we cannot provide it.”

Librarian Supervisor:
“The practicum provides a rewarding opportunity to serve our profession, to stay current, and to benefit our own library.”

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