

CCLA Travel Report

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Purposes:

1. Install and modify BYU-Provo Subject Librarian Update Utility at BYU-Hawaii.
2. Talk with BYU-Hawaii web designers about Lee library website templates.
3. Assist the Smith library in understanding how the Lee library building blocks relate to Blackboard and the dynamic subject pages.

Report:

1. The primary purpose of this trip was to set up BYU-Hawaii with an instance of BYU-Provo's dynamic subject page system. These subject pages use Webfeat to search multiple databases simultaneously. An example of BYU-Hawaii's new dynamic subject pages can be viewed at http://library.byuh.edu/cgi-bin/subjects/subject.pl?s_id=2§ionId=2.

This task was more time consuming than originally anticipated because BYU-Hawaii wanted several modifications made to the system. The most significant change is with the tabs. The tabs for BYU-Hawaii's subject pages jump to different sections of the current page rather than taking users to different pages. BYU-Hawaii also has several subject librarians listed with their contact information, rather than just one.

My portion of the project was completed while I was at BYU-Hawaii. Webfeat is currently making customized changes on their end so the BYU-Hawaii page will function just like BYU-Provo pages.

I also found that BYU-Hawaii has never had a stable authentication system worked out with Webfeat for off-campus users. I am working with Webfeat to try to resolve this issue.

2. I was able to spend some time working with the Smith Library web designer and a BYU-Hawaii's web designer to help them understand how the Lee libraries website could be used as a template for their web site.
3. I also spent an hour talking with Smith library employees about how we have used Blackboard building blocks to connect courses to subject pages. They were under the impression that all they needed to do to also do this was "click a few

buttons in Blackboard”. This is a much more complex project than button clicking.

Interesting Experience:

Whoever said getting there is half the fun must have traveled on a different flight than me. My flight to Honolulu was “exciting” enough that all of the passengers were detained by the FBI after our emergency landing, for additional details go to <http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-news/1538043/posts> or <http://the.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/2005/Dec/10/ln/FP512100348.html>.