

Title: Library in your laptop: the subject librarian's role in supporting online learning

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Summary:

Our institution has a strategic aim to increase the number of postgraduate masters-level and continuing professional development courses delivered in an online-only format. Some courses are being moved from traditional delivery to online-only delivery. It is our aim to offer library services to online-only learners which are on a par to services available to our campus-based learners.

This paper reports on our activities in preparation of materials for new courses, induction of new online students, facilitating access to resources, support of information skills development, and resolving problems.

The paper will also report the findings of a survey of online learners' experiences of using the remote library. This survey of various e-learning programmes is being carried out in collaboration with the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Medicine's E-learning Unit. These findings, along with feedback from course organisers and teachers, will be used to inform our activities in the future.

The aim of this paper is to share with conference participants our experiences of working with e-learning colleagues to provide services for online-only learners and to stimulate discussion in which conference participants can share their experiences of promoting and developing library services for online-only learners.