DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL PEDAGOGY SKILLS

GOAL:
Create opportunities for librarians to build skills around teaching online in order to prepare them for revamping LibGuides and lesson plans to support an online teaching environment.

"LIBRARIANS ARE ESSENTIAL PARTNERS IN TEACHING & LEARNING. WE’RE CONTINUALLY ADDING TO OUR ‘PEDAGOGY TOOLKITS’ & ARE READY TO SUPPORT STUDENTS IN ALL LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS."

QUOTE FROM MELISSA MALLON, TEAM LEADER

The Digital Pedagogy summer project team focused on providing librarians and library staff with opportunities to build and enhance their skills related to online teaching in five ‘tracks’: Accessibility; Active Learning; Educational Technology; Engaging with Students; and Learning Objectives. The Dig Peg team organized and promoted learning opportunities offered by the Libraries and the VU Center for Teaching within these five tracks.

To promote sharing and lifelong learning, the Dig Ped team also collaborated with the VU Libraries’ Teaching and Learning Committee on a guide for librarians related to online teaching & training in order to equip library staff to partner with students and faculty in an online learning environment.
OUTCOMES

The Digital Pedagogy Team completed the following activities:

- Surveying librarians on their needs related to online teaching & training (39 respondents)
- Collaborating with the Teaching & Learning Committee on offering a digital pedagogy summer learning series for librarians (54 total participants)
- Promoting the Center for Teaching’s two week Online Course Design Institute (23 library participants), and hosting a re-cap event (5 panelists & 18 total participants)

NEXT STEPS

As online teaching and learning continues to expand on campus, Vanderbilt librarians will continue to develop digital pedagogy skills in order to further the academic mission of the University.

Starting in fall 2020, library staff will have the opportunity to participate in virtual teaching Communities of Practice (CoPs), which will be centered around the five online teaching & learning tracks. The Teaching & Learning Committee will continue to develop synchronous & asynchronous learning opportunities related to digital pedagogy.