Montana State University Library’s Innovative Learning Studio

Our traditional classroom

PC's
Library-only use
Hard-wired
Inflexible

Our new flexible teaching and learning space – opened April 2014

Apple & PC devices
Campus-wide use

Wireless
Flexible

What is it?
The Innovative Learning Studio (ILS) is a collaborative and flexible space that can be used for a variety of group activities such as presentations, classes, group study, workshops, training sessions, or other MSU-related events. It can also be used for individual presentation practice.

Who can use it?
Target audience is faculty and graduate students.

How can it be used?
Priority is given to faculty who want to enhance their teaching practice and need equipment/technology applications not available elsewhere on campus.
Your Device, Your Classroom

Creating flexible library spaces to support innovation in teaching and learning

• Expected use:
  - Graduate Engineering Research Methods
  - Educational Psychology
  - Social Studies Methods
  - Freshman Seminar
  - Research in Healthcare
  - Psychology Senior Capstone
  - Developmental Writing
  - Human Development Across the Life Span
  - Intro to Interpersonal Communication
  - Graphic Design Senior Portfolio
  - Library Research Skills
  - Library workshops & instruction sessions

• Surprise usage:
  - Robots
  - Graduate student presentations
  - Apple student rep office hours
  - Geology conference and Ag conference
  - Friends of the Library retreat
  - Yellowstone Writing Project
  - EDUCAUSE streaming
  - Open Access Week events
  - Statewide Wikipedia workshop
  - And more!

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Loved the white board walls! They were extremely helpful for our purposes. What a great space!

iPads can be cumbersome to log into for the first time and this can frustrate students.

It was a wonderful room and I hope to be able to use it again in the future.

It was fantastic - can't wait to do more in the class!

We were interested in the high tech space to help us think outside our normal environments.

Love the space and the personnel. Can't think of any improvements.

Lessons Learned

- Build in more management time
- Get faculty buy-in
- Marketing & promotion is vital
- Explore better ways to gather usage data
- Start by learning from others!
- Choose furniture carefully
- Maintain whiteboards
- Gather campus-wide design team (from top left):

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