

Raritan Valley Community College: Evelyn S. Field Library Homepage Usability Study

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HISTORY & IMPORTANCE

- Why redo the website?
- Why usability testing?
 - If you want to do it right, you don't design first and then let users set the parameters of their experience. (Pestridge, 2016)
 - *UX asks questions. Design answers them.* (Pestridge, 2016)
 - Design is important
 - UX is important
 - Let's not mix them up
 - Let's not compare them unfairly
 - A good user interface is created by skilled design work that is in turn informed and educated by thorough user experience testing
- Why make the changes we made? (Dempsey & Valenti, 2017)
 - Our changes were guided by a desire to be:
 - User friendly
 - Jargon-free
 - Simple and clean
 - Mobile friendly
 - Sustainable



T H E R E I S
B E A U T Y I N
S I M P L I C I T Y

DESIGNING THE STUDY

Problem statements:

Ease of use: Is the website easy to use?

Visual appeal: Is the website visually appealing?

Navigation: Do the navigational elements make sense?

User Profiles:

Students

Staff & Administrators

Fulltime Faculty

Public Users

Adjunct Faculty

DESIGNING THE STUDY

Task List:

Part A – Basic Information (5 tasks)

Part B – Finding & In-depth Information (8) tasks

i. Books (3 sub-tasks)

ii. Articles (2 sub-tasks)

iii. Research (3 sub-tasks)

DESIGNING THE STUDY

Task List:

Part A – Basic Information		
	Task	Success measure (time and/or # of clicks)
1.	What are the regular Friday hours for the library?	User is able to answer 8:00am – 5:00pm.
2.	How would you find out whether or not the library is closed on a snow day? What would you do?	User is able to find a phone number or chat box to connect with a person at the library.
3.	You need help from a librarian when you're off campus. What do you do?	User is able to find the help page, phone number, email a librarian form, chat box, or some other way of connecting with a librarian.
4.	You want to borrow a DVD. For how long can you have it?	User is able to locate the borrowing privileges information in their respective section of the website (For Students, For Faculty & Staff, For Community Members (Public users)).
5.	If you have an overdue fine, where would you look to find out how much you owe?	User is able to locate the My Library Account link and use that feature to find their fine.

DESIGNING THE STUDY

Task List:

Part B– Finding & In-depth Information		
	Task	Success measure (time and/or # of clicks)
i.	Books	
1.	You need a book about birds. How would you find out if the library has any?	User is able to locate the Books/Media tab and do a keyword search for birds. User can say that there are more than 500 relevant titles.
2.	Where would you check to see if the library has a certain textbook?	User is able to answer the Textbooks tab/page/search box.
3.	You need a book that the library doesn't have. What do you do?	User is able to locate the interlibrary loan link, or find a way to get help.

DESIGNING THE STUDY

Task List:

ii. Articles		
4.	You've been assigned a research paper about the Battle of Gettysburg and your professor wants you to start with the library's website.	User is able to complete one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Locate books about the Battle of Gettysburg• Locate articles (or resources from RVOneSearch) about the Battle of Gettysburg• Access databases that would be appropriate for obtaining information about the Battle of Gettysburg (American History Online, Academic Search Premier, etc.)
5.	Next, you need the article, "Self-repair techniques point to robots that design themselves". How would you find this full article?	User is able to type the title of the article into RVOneSearch and locate the PDF full-text version of the article.

DESIGNING THE STUDY

Task List:

iii. Research		
7.	How can you find the correct way to cite journal articles in MLA 8 th edition?	User is able to locate the MLA section of the 'Works Cited Help' page or use the Cite feature in any library database.
8.	How would you find the database 'SocIndex'?	User is able to click on the databases tab and locate SocIndex in any way (alphabetically, by subject, database type, vendor, or by search).
9.	Name 3 databases for Literary Criticism Research.	User is able to click on the databases tab and limit by 'Subject' to 'Literary Criticism'. User can list 3 databases from this list.

DESIGNING THE STUDY

Questionnaire:

Visual appeal – 8 Likert scale questions

Navigational elements – 10 Likert scale questions

Ease of use – 12 Likert scale questions

Conclusion – 8 open-ended questions

DESIGNING THE STUDY

Questionnaire:

Visual Appeal

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree
The Library website is visually appealing.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The color scheme is non-invasive.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The color scheme is pleasing to look at.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The website does not appear to be cluttered.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The logo is placed appropriately and indicative of the site in general.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The site has a good balance of graphics versus text.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The font size and style enhanced my experience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The contrast is sufficient.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

DESIGNING THE STUDY

Questionnaire:

Navigational elements

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree
The navigational elements (or menu items) make sense.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can easily tell which navigational element (or menu item) to select based on the task at hand.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is clear how screen elements (menus, lists, tabs, buttons) work.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is easy to find my way around the site.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is easy to remember where to find things.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There is a breadcrumb.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can use the back button.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know my location in the site due to 'you are here' indicators.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can get back to the home page easily.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

DESIGNING THE STUDY

Questionnaire:

Ease of use	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree
The site was easy to use.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The site has a clear purpose.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The site is well-suited to first time visitors.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The site is well-suited to repeat visitors.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The tasks I completed were straightforward and self-explanatory.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My mistakes (if any) were easy to correct.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pages have the right amount of information on them.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pages have too much information on them.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The site did not use jargon or unclear language that I was not able to understand.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The overall organization of the website content was appropriate for the purpose of the site.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The site is designed with me in mind.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The site is relevant to my professional and/or academic needs.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

DESIGNING THE STUDY

Questionnaire:

What did you like about this website?

What didn't you like about this website?

Do you have suggestions to make this site easier to use?

What changes would you make to this website?

Would you recommend this site to a colleague?

What features could you NOT live without?

What features could you live without?

Is there anything else you'd like to add?

IMPLEMENTING THE STUDY

Testers:

8 testers: 3 students, 2 FT faculty, 2 public users, 1 administrator

Task measurement:

Success: Y or N

of clicks

Time to complete task (in seconds)

*Testers were encouraged to speak aloud their thought processes and address items with which they struggled or didn't make sense.

RESULTS

Tasks: Some highlights and insights

Task – Snow Closure:

“I would just check my email.”

Task – Textbooks:

Initially clicked on the Books/Media tab and right away exclaimed, “Sorry! NO! The Textbooks tab!” Tester did not perform a search on the Textbooks tab, but said, “You can just ask at the desk as long as you have your ID.”

Task – Overdue fine:

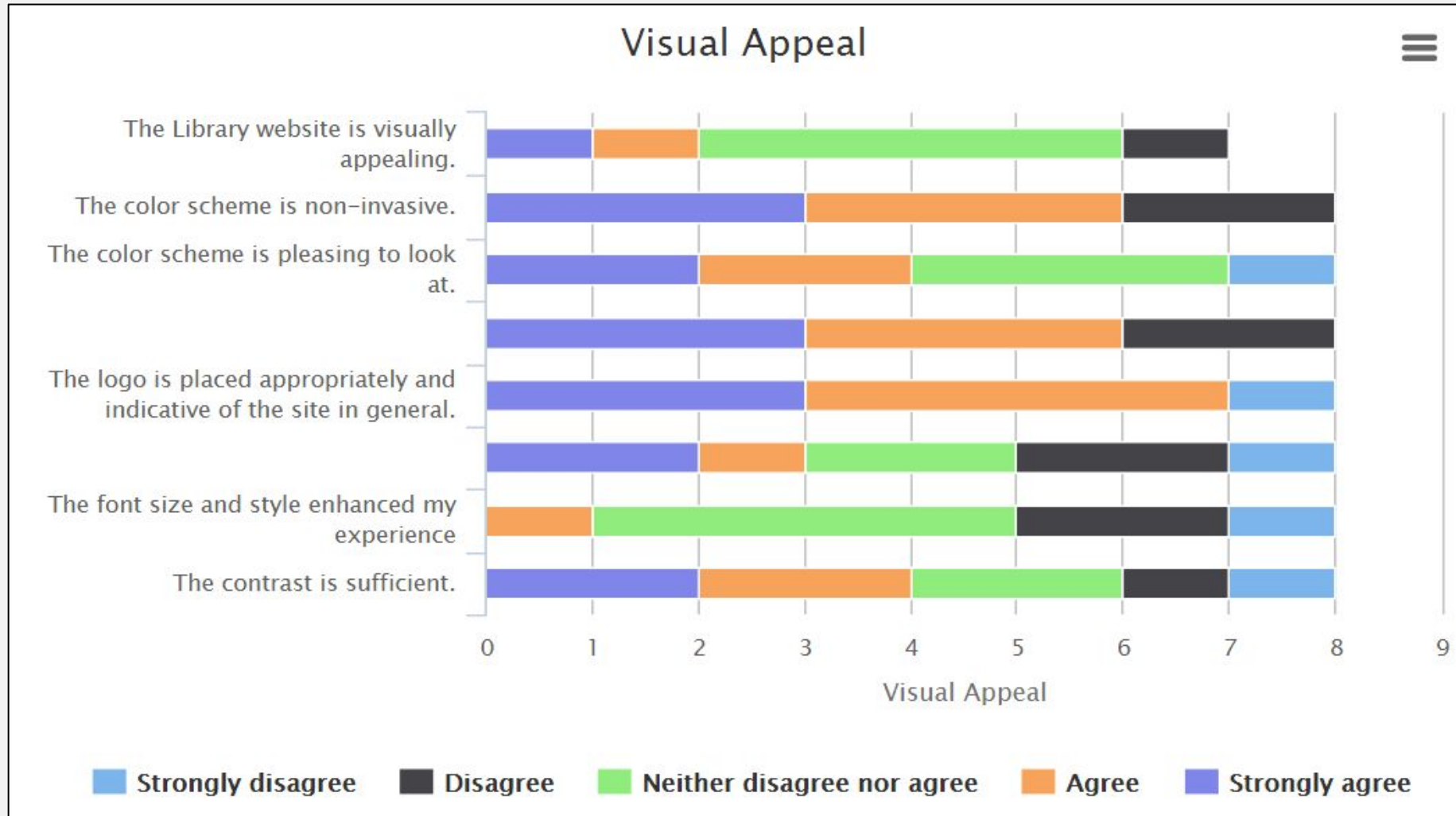
Clicked on ‘Students’ under Services, said, “Oh! I see borrowing now! [Referring to the correct answer to the previous task], here is ‘My Library Account’. I would log in here.”

Task – ILL Book

“I would ask the Live Chat to see where I could get the book from. Oh! Or I would click on this ‘Other Libraries’ link under Find. You can text the library? I didn’t know that!”

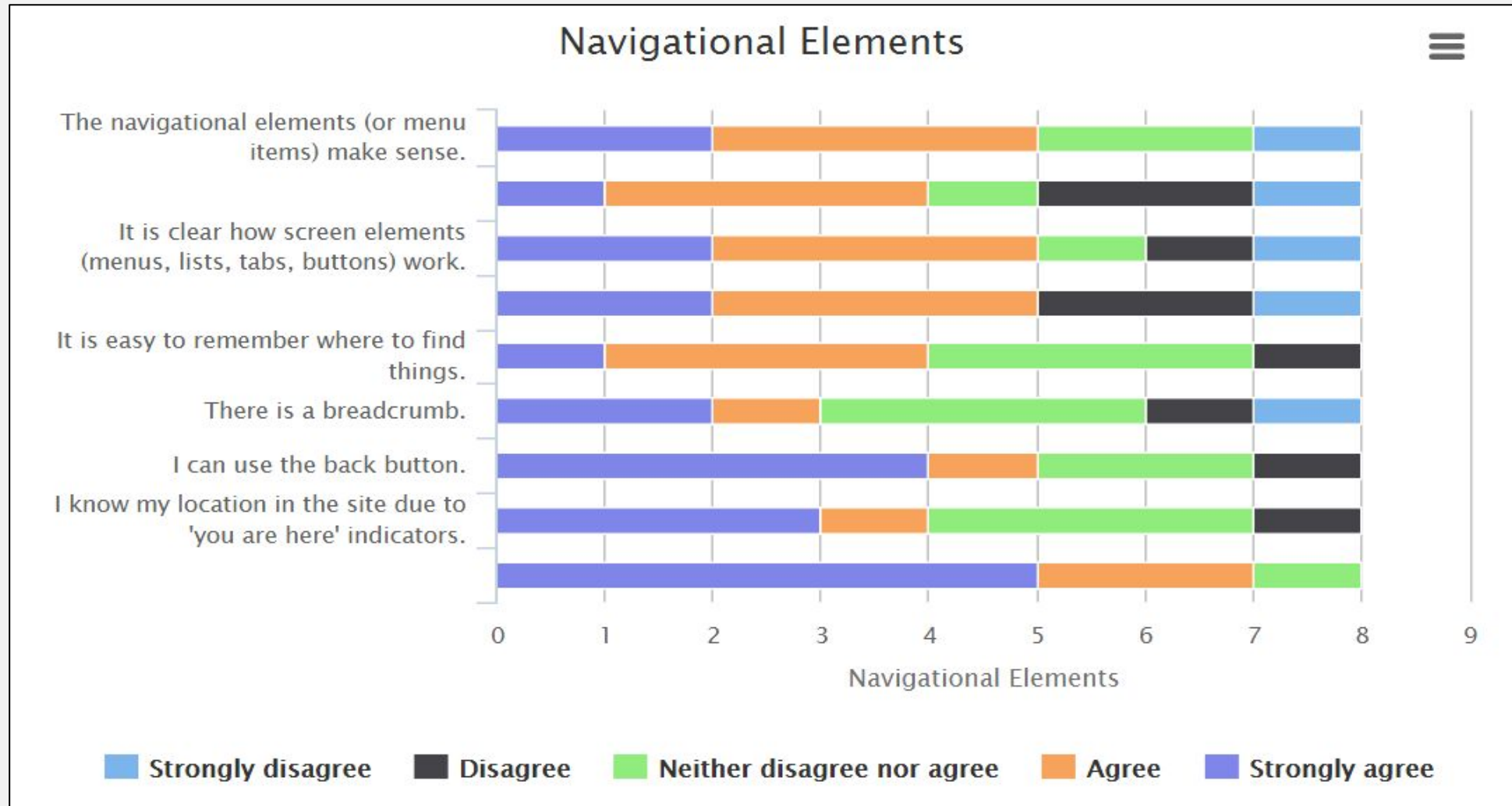
RESULTS

Questionnaire:



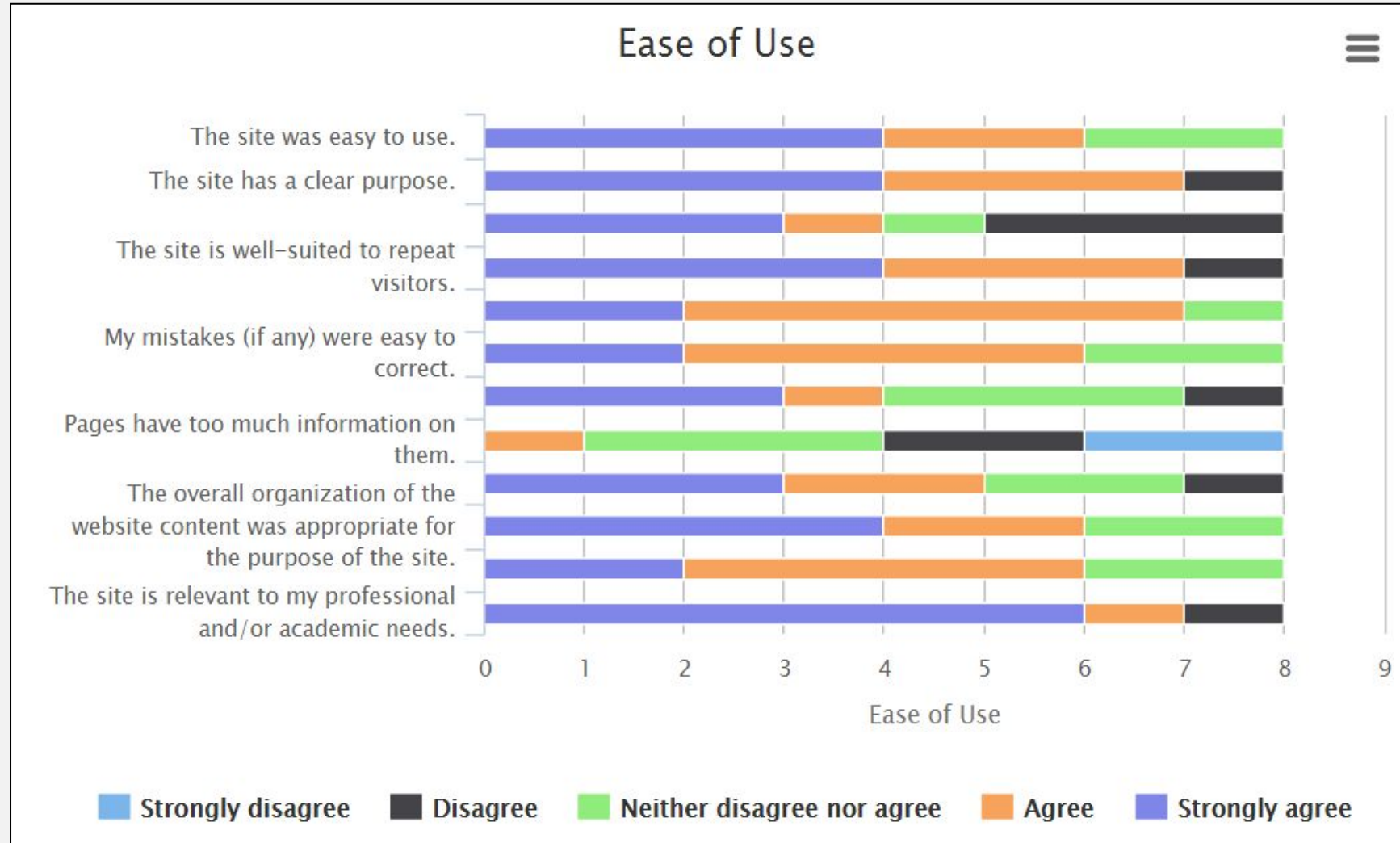
RESULTS

Questionnaire:



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Questionnaire: Some highlights and insights (Open-ended questions):

What did you like?

It is fairly clean. A lot of logical landing points from home page, logically grouped

Was not "jargony",
Uncluttered, and easy to use.

What didn't you like?

It could be very confusing for first time users, the home page isn't very clear on all of the tabs or links. Could be set up easier.

visually boring

its a little too white

Do you have suggestions for easier use?

If a browser window is too narrow, Services and About float beneath the Find section. This makes them invisible and sets up a very lopsided home page

There seems to be a very large difference (disproportionate) in font between the text in the body and the headings; it might be easier to read if the smaller fonts were increased a few pts. Also, make link for "My Library Account" more prominent.

Yes

RESULTS

Questionnaire: Some highlights and insights (Open-ended questions): What changes would you make to the website?

Maybe have certain sections with soft color backgrounds to differentiate where my eye goes.

more animated gifs. Totally needs more animation. ;-)

I would make it visually appealing with colors and fonts and more organized.

maybe changing the background color to make the search bars stand out

Is there anything else you'd like to add?

I think it was pretty cool to see and do this survey to see if the site works. Me on the other hand know where some stuff was but because i am always using the libuary fopr help, so i love using the libuary and full support of it.

Overall okay site but could be improved. Make the 'My Library' link more visible.

Working great for our students!

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGE

This section identifies the changes which should be made in order for the library website to be more usable and effective. In order to improve the usability of the website, the designers and developers should follow the recommendations in order of priority from catastrophic to cosmetic.

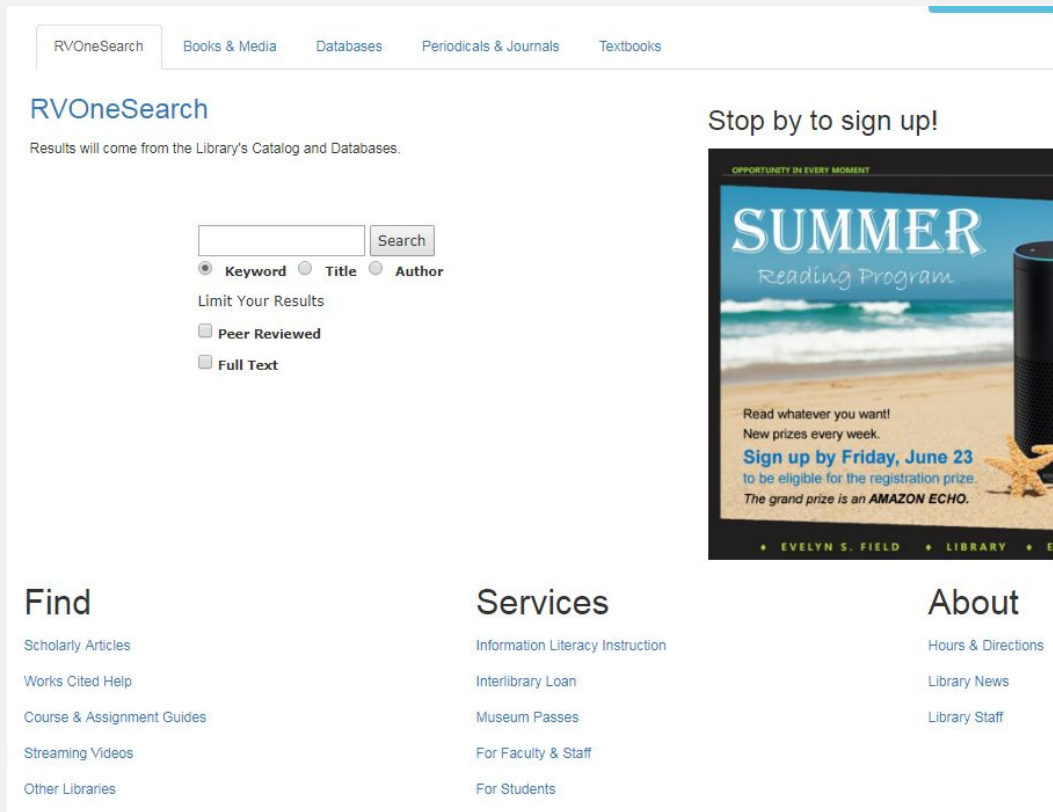
CATASTROPHIC

- ✓ Increase font size for menu items, links, tabs, and contact information
- ✓ Include the live chat feature on every page
- ✗ Include the homepage footer on each page
- ✓ Make 'My Library Account' more prominent

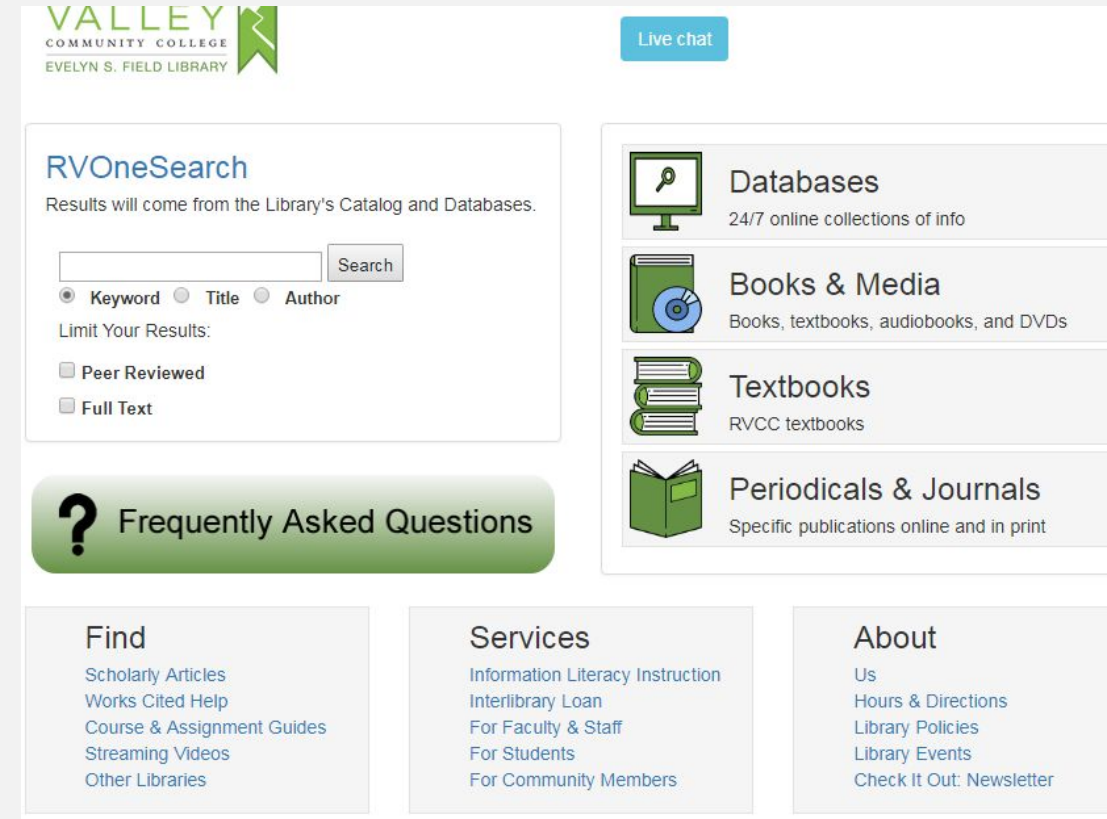
CATASTROPHIC

Increase font size for menu items, links, tabs, and contact information

BEFORE



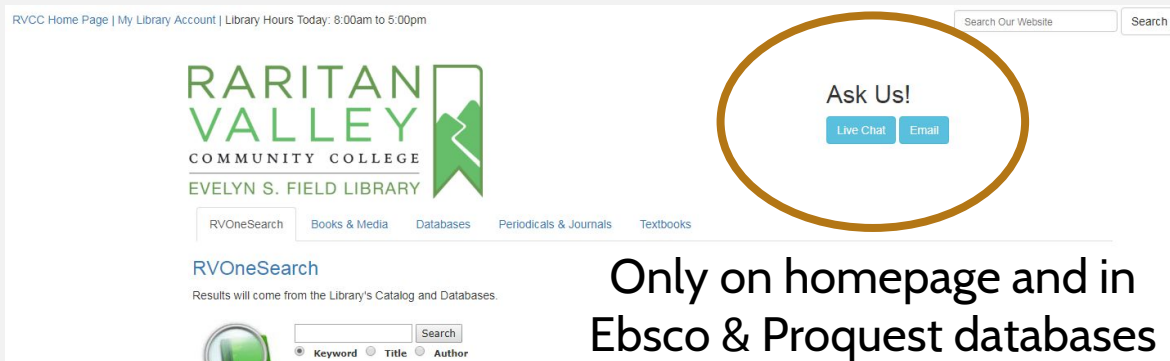
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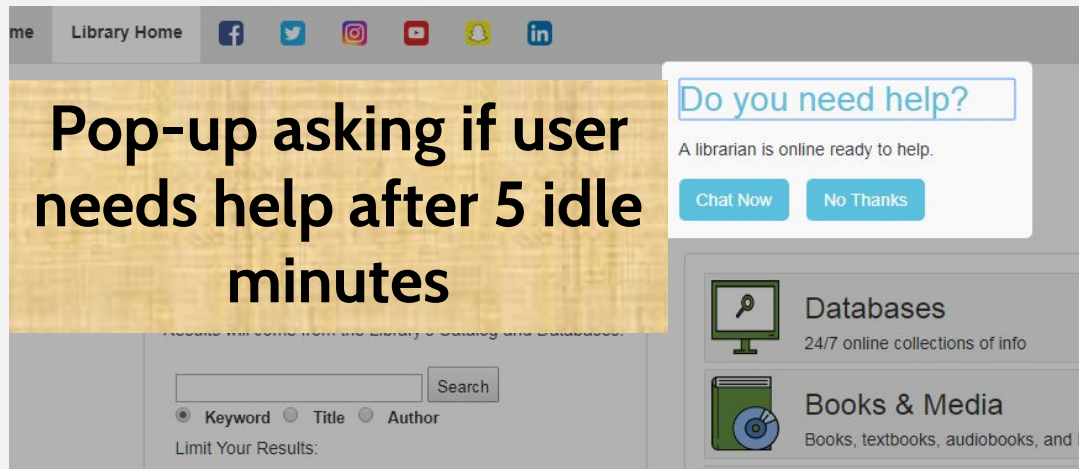
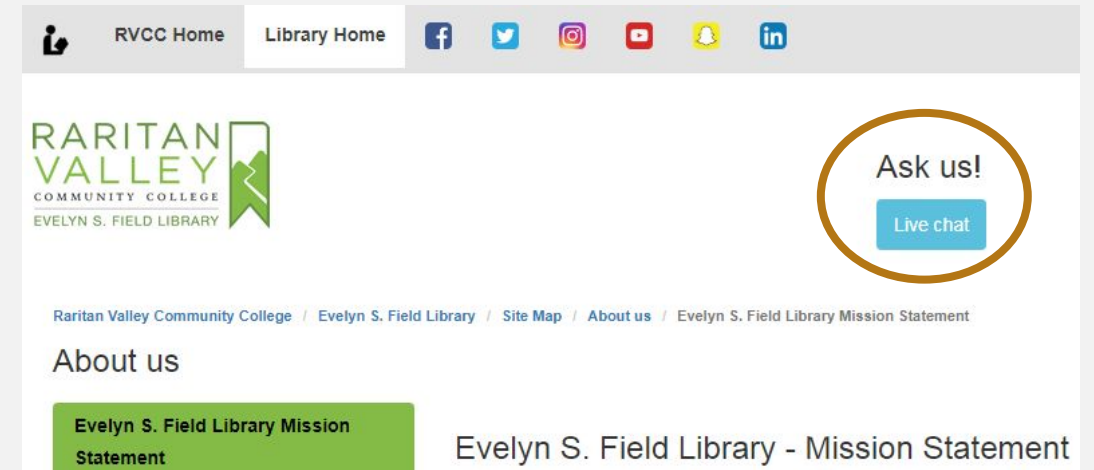
CATASTROPHIC

Include the live chat feature on every page

BEFORE



AFTER



CATASTROPHIC

Include the homepage footer on each
page

BEFORE

Contact Us: 908.218.8865 | Text message: 908.409.3111
118 Lamington Rd. Somerville, NJ 08876
Email: [Library Webmaster](#) | [Site Map](#) | Last revised: 12/07/2016



2016 homepage footer

AFTER

Contact Us: 908.218.8865 | Text message: 908.838.0766
118 Lamington Rd. Somerville, NJ 08876
Email: [Webmaster](#) | [Staff Bulletin Board](#)

2017 homepage footer

Last Updated: Nov 7, 2017 11:05 AM | URL: <http://library.raritanval.edu/hours> | [Print Page](#)

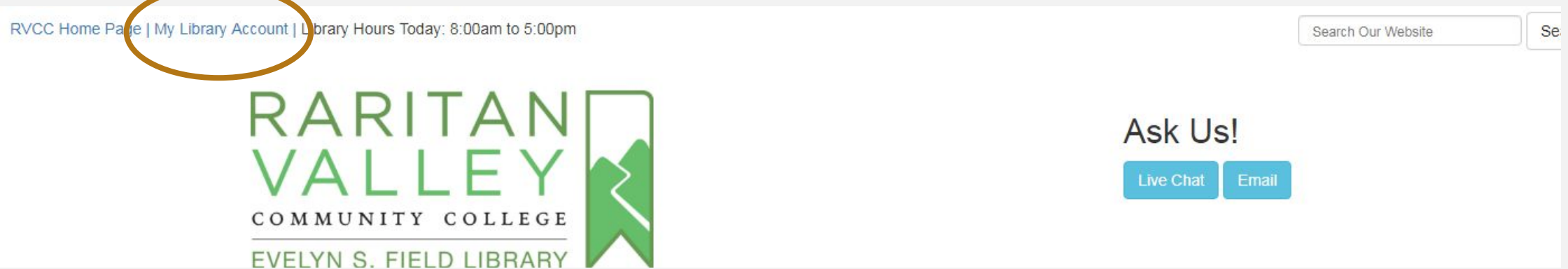
[Login to LibApps](#)
[Report a problem](#)

Systemwide footer – due to relocation of other content, this was kept
consistent

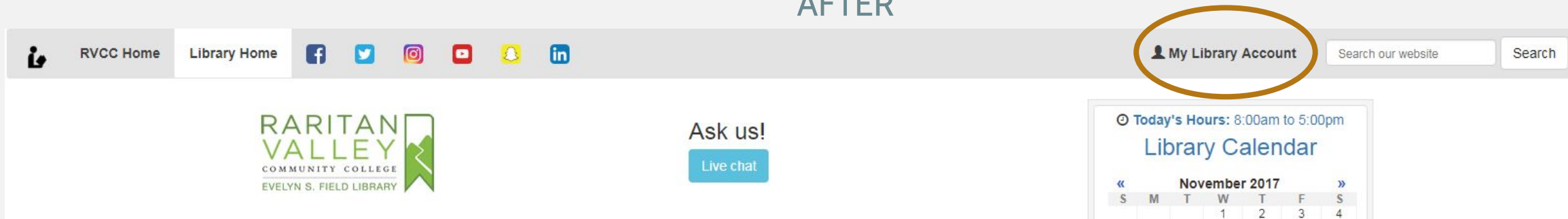
CATASTROPHIC

Make 'My Library Account' more prominent







BEFORE



AFTER



MAJOR

-  Relocate and include the borrowing privileges in different sections of the site
-  Differentiate between sections (tabbed sections vs. menu items) to make more visually interesting i.e. add color
-  Decrease white space by adding more visual elements including announcements and events
-  Create a 'landing' page for the periodicals & journals tab which explains the purpose of this section of the website i.e. you must search for specific journal title and your search results will be the names of publications, not search results in the traditional sense
-  Ensure metadata and keywords of resources are filled out and appropriate
-  Create a robust and searchable FAQ

MAJOR

Relocate and include the borrowing privileges in different sections of the site

BEFORE

RVOneSearch

Results will come from the Library's Catalog and Databases.



☒ Keyword ☐ Title ☐ Author

Find

[Scholarly Articles](#)
[Works Cited Help](#)
[Course & Assignment Guides](#)
[Streaming Videos](#)
[Other Libraries](#)
[Help](#)

Services

[Information Literacy Instruction](#)
[Interlibrary Loan](#)
[Museum Passes](#)
[For Faculty & Staff](#)
[For Students](#)
[For Community Members](#)

About

[Hours & Directions](#)
[Library News](#)
[Library Staff](#)

AFTER

RVOneSearch

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☒ Keyword ☐ Title ☐ Author

Limit Your Results:

- ☐ Peer Reviewed
☐ Full Text

 **Frequently Asked Questions**



Databases

24/7 online collections



Books & Media

Books, textbooks, audiobooks



Textbooks

RVCC textbooks



Periodicals & Newspapers

Specific publications collections

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[Check Out](#)


MAJOR

Decrease white space by adding more visual elements including announcements and events

BEFORE

RVCC Home Page | My Library Account | Library Hours Today: 8:00am to 9:00pm


Search Our Website Search



RVOneSearch Books & Media Databases Periodicals & Journals Textbooks

RVOneSearch

Results will come from the Library's Catalog and Databases.



Keyword Title Author Search

Find

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- Help

Services


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Live Chat Email

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118 Lamington Rd. Somerville, NJ 08876
Email: Library Webmaster | Site Map | Last revised: 12/07/2016




AFTER

RVCC Home Library Home



My Library Account Search our website Search



Ask us!
Live chat

RVOneSearch

Results will come from the Library's Catalog and Databases.

Keyword Title Author Search

Limit Your Results:
Peer Reviewed Full Text

Databases

24/7 online collections of info

Books & Media

Books, textbooks, audiobooks, and DVDs

Textbooks

RVCC textbooks

Periodicals & Journals

Specific publications online and in print

Frequently Asked Questions

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Current Displays

Museum Passes

Request Instruction

Library Blog

New Materials

Help!

Upcoming Events

Open Today: 8:00am to 9:00pm

October 2017						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Upcoming Events:

- Meet the New "Cat"**
Tue, Oct 10, 2017 11:00am
- Immigration Info Session**
Tue, Oct 17, 2017 1:00pm
- Therapy Dogs!**
Wed, Oct 18, 2017 12:00pm
- Fighting Fraud**
Thu, Oct 19, 2017 1:00pm
- Click-or-Treat**
Thu, Oct 26, 2017 1:00pm
- [Show All](#)

Meet the New "Cat"

October 10, 2017
11:00-2:30

Robeson Room
@ RVCC Library

Drop in any time for a demo on our new mobile-friendly catalog. Light refreshments will be served!

Immigration Info Session

Información para los documentados

Tuesday, October 17
1:00-3:00
Robeson Room @ RVCC Library

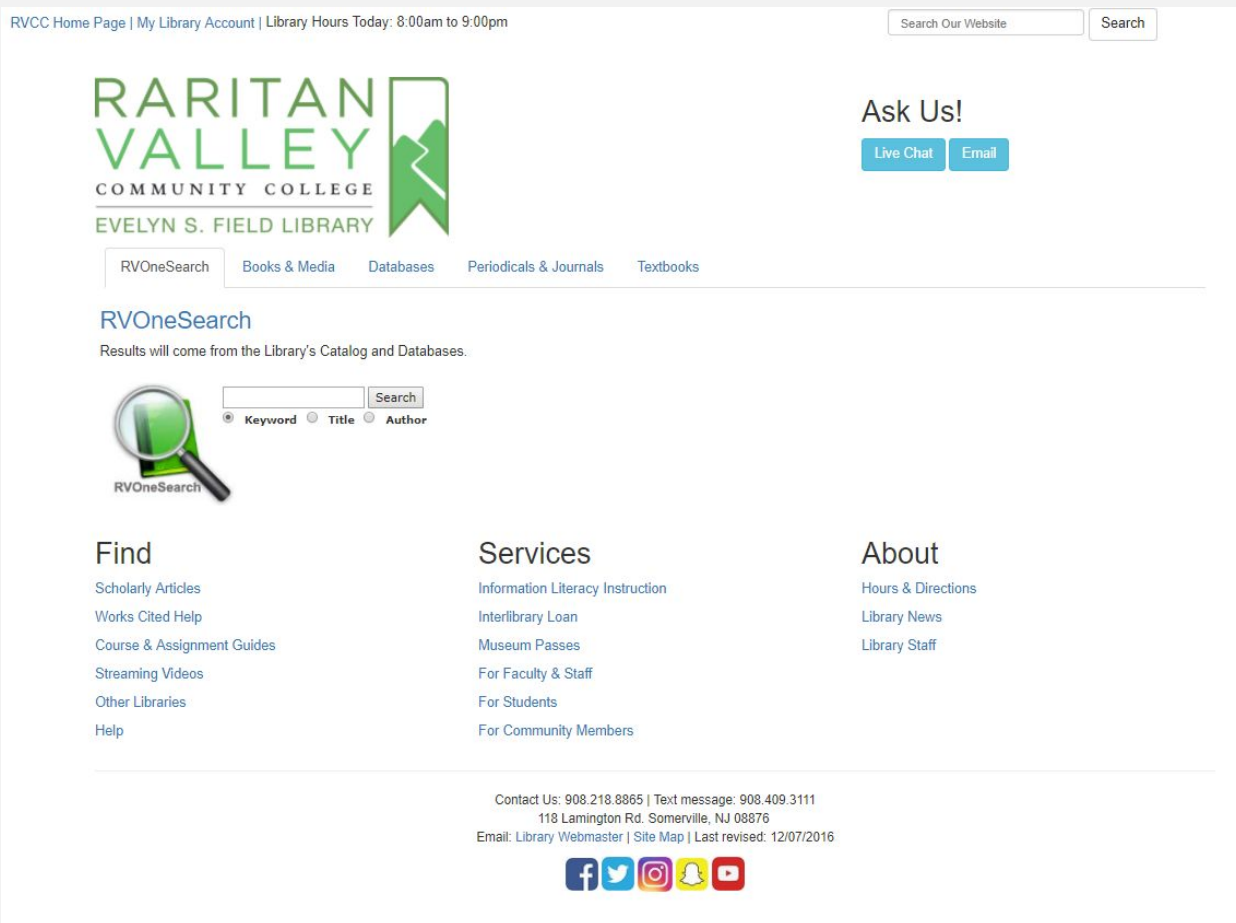
Do you have questions about DACA and TPS?
Would you like to speak to an immigration attorney who can help you understand your status and immigration options?
RSVP to: [RVCC Library](#) and [Raritan Valley Community College](#) by Friday, October 13, 2017.
Please arrive 15 minutes early for check-in.
All are welcome.

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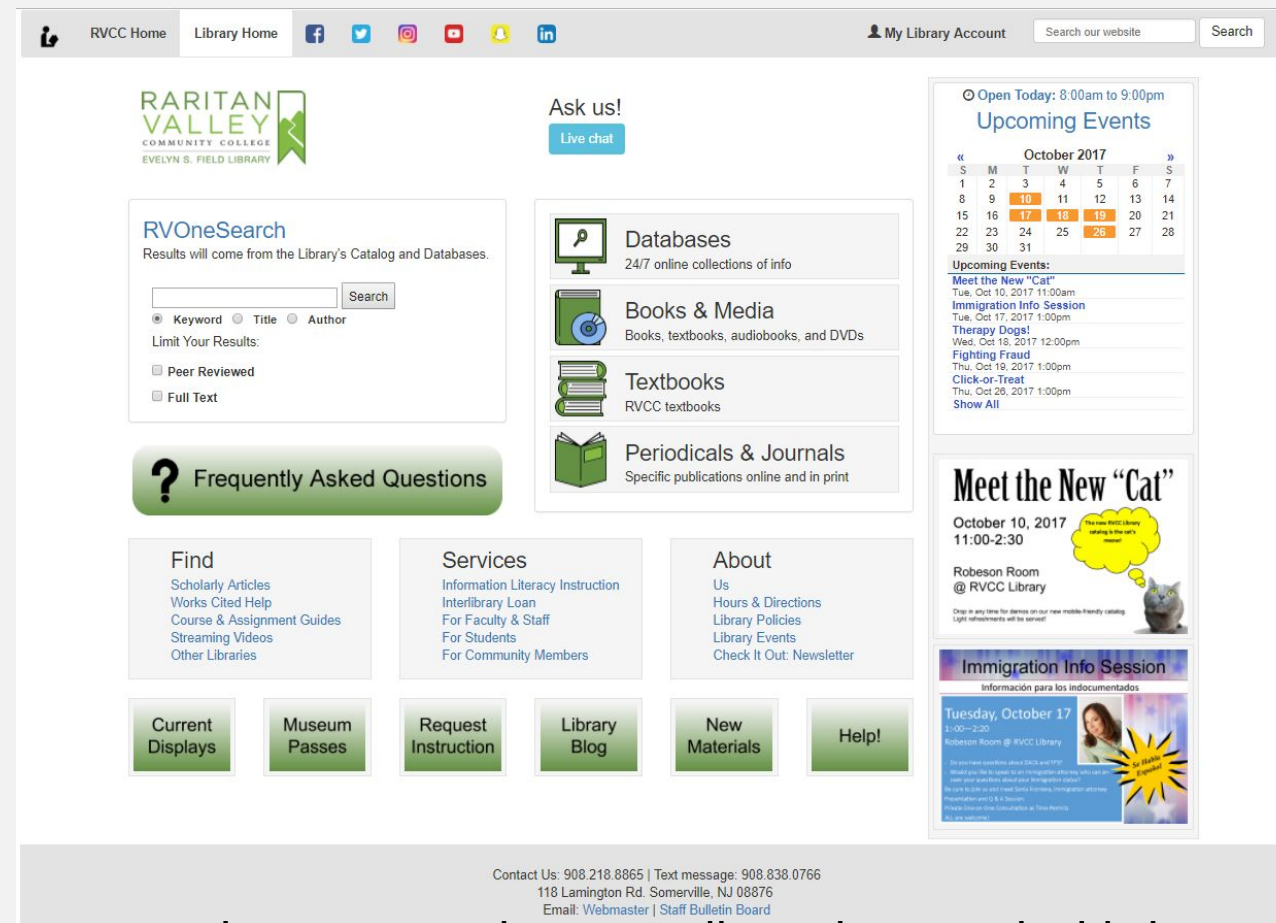
MAJOR

Differentiate between sections (tabbed sections vs. menu items) to make more visually interesting i.e. add color

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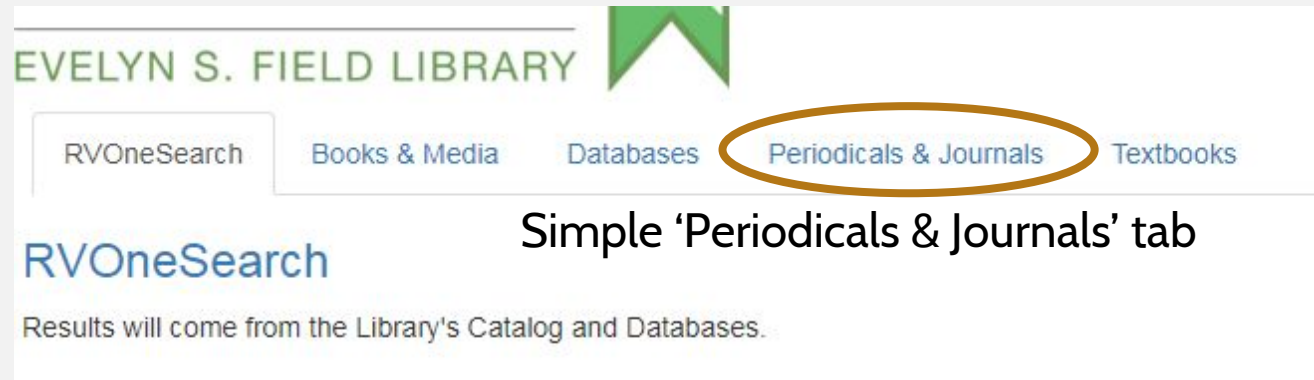


Used Bootstrap columns, wells, and rows to highlight backgrounds, menus, removed tabs, made boxes.

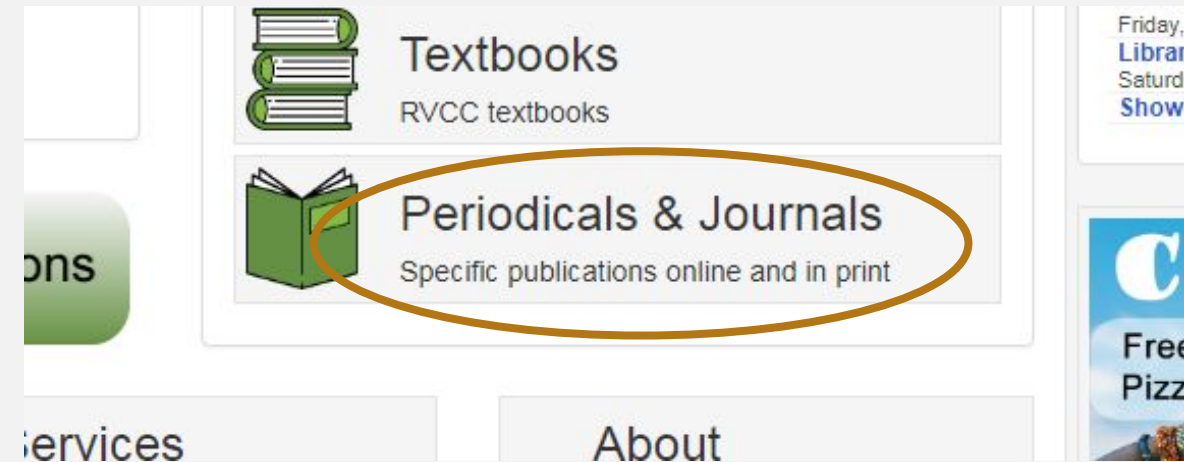
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Create a 'landing' page for the periodicals & journals tab

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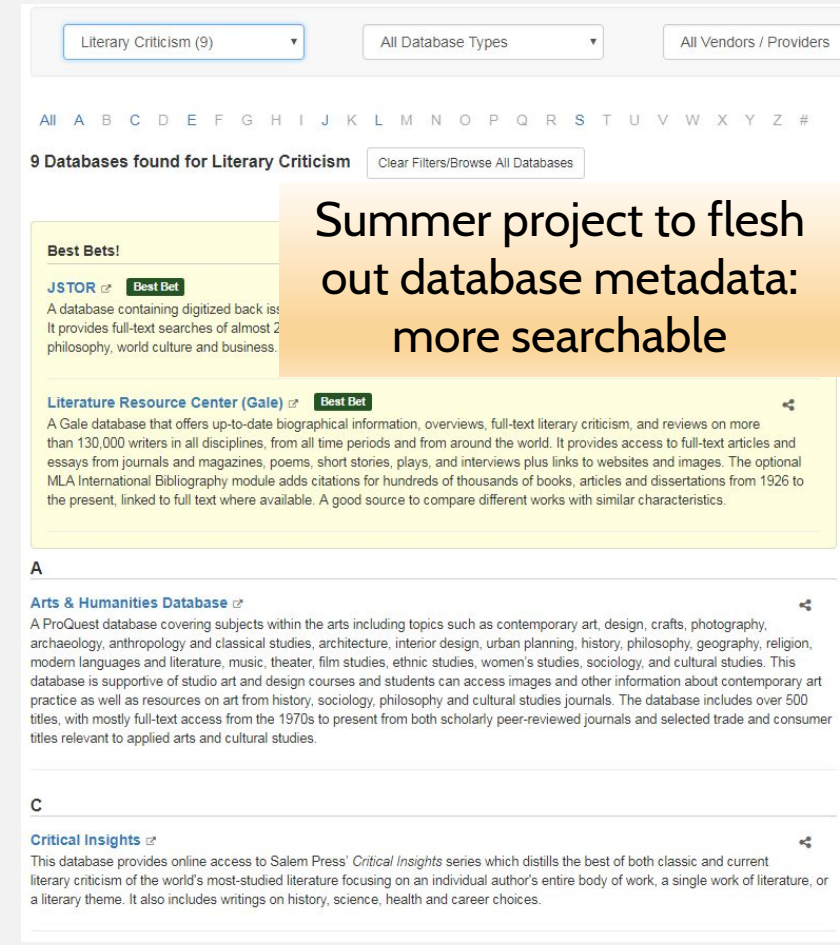
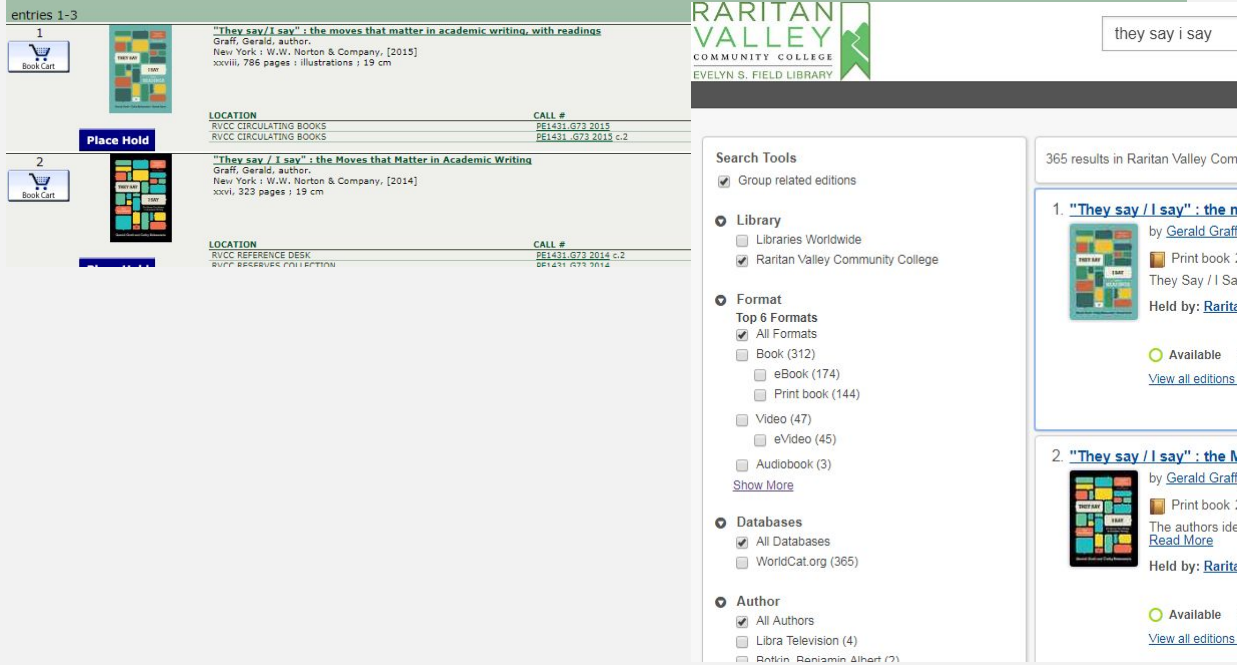
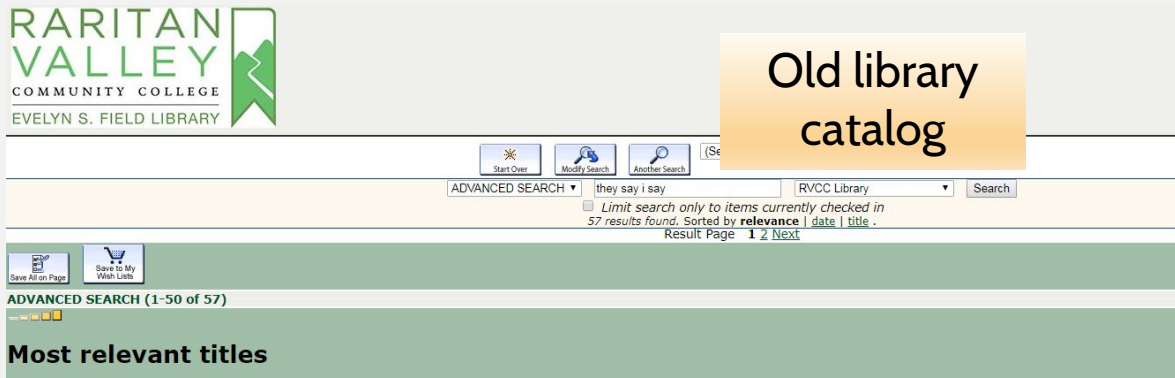
New box display offers brief explanation

MAJOR

Ensure metadata and keywords of resources are filled out and appropriate

BEFORE

AFTER



MAJOR

Create a robust and searchable
FAQ

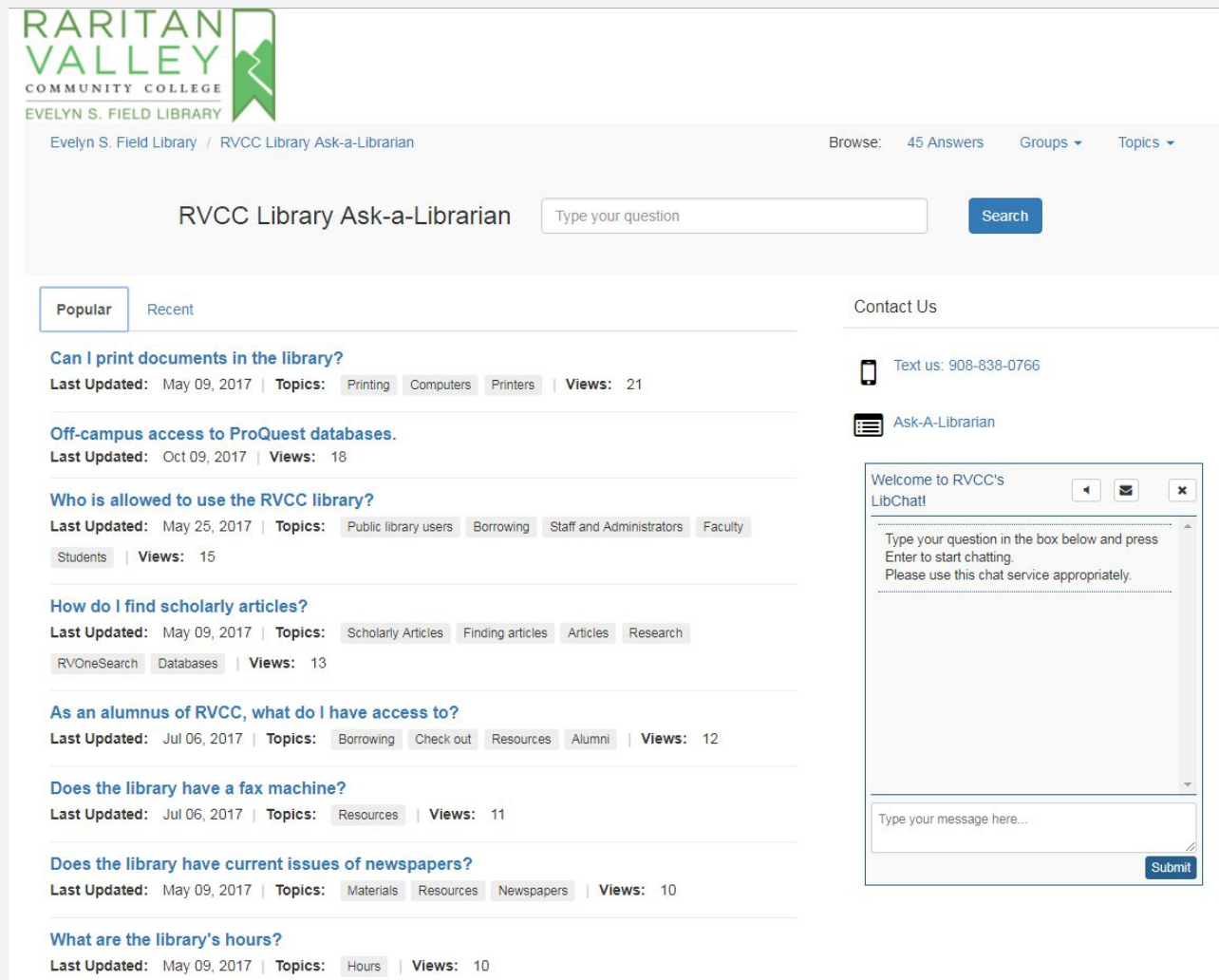
BEFORE

- Did not exist!

? Frequently Asked Questions

<http://raritanval.libanswers.com>

AFTER



The screenshot displays the 'RVCC Library Ask-a-Librarian' web interface. At the top, the Raritan Valley Community College logo is visible, along with the text 'Evelyn S. Field Library / RVCC Library Ask-a-Librarian'. A search bar with the placeholder 'Type your question' and a 'Search' button is present. Below the search bar, there are tabs for 'Popular' and 'Recent'. The main content area lists several frequently asked questions, each with a title, 'Last Updated' date, 'Topics' (e.g., Printing, Computers, Printers), and 'Views' count. The questions include: 'Can I print documents in the library?', 'Off-campus access to ProQuest databases.', 'Who is allowed to use the RVCC library?', 'How do I find scholarly articles?', 'As an alumnus of RVCC, what do I have access to?', 'Does the library have a fax machine?', 'Does the library have current issues of newspapers?', and 'What are the library's hours?'. On the right side, there is a 'Contact Us' section with a text message icon and the number '908-838-0766', and an 'Ask-A-Librarian' icon. At the bottom right, there is a 'Welcome to RVCC's LibChat!' chat window with a text input field and a 'Submit' button.

RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
EVELYN S. FIELD LIBRARY

Evelyn S. Field Library / RVCC Library Ask-a-Librarian

Browse: 45 Answers Groups Topics

RVCC Library Ask-a-Librarian

Type your question Search

Popular Recent

Can I print documents in the library?
Last Updated: May 09, 2017 | Topics: Printing Computers Printers | Views: 21

Off-campus access to ProQuest databases.
Last Updated: Oct 09, 2017 | Views: 18

Who is allowed to use the RVCC library?
Last Updated: May 25, 2017 | Topics: Public library users Borrowing Staff and Administrators Faculty | Views: 15

How do I find scholarly articles?
Last Updated: May 09, 2017 | Topics: Scholarly Articles Finding articles Articles Research | Views: 13

As an alumnus of RVCC, what do I have access to?
Last Updated: Jul 06, 2017 | Topics: Borrowing Check out Resources Alumni | Views: 12

Does the library have a fax machine?
Last Updated: Jul 06, 2017 | Topics: Resources | Views: 11

Does the library have current issues of newspapers?
Last Updated: May 09, 2017 | Topics: Materials Resources Newspapers | Views: 10

What are the library's hours?
Last Updated: May 09, 2017 | Topics: Hours | Views: 10

Contact Us

Text us: 908-838-0766

Ask-A-Librarian

Welcome to RVCC's LibChat!

Type your question in the box below and press Enter to start chatting. Please use this chat service appropriately.

Type your message here... Submit

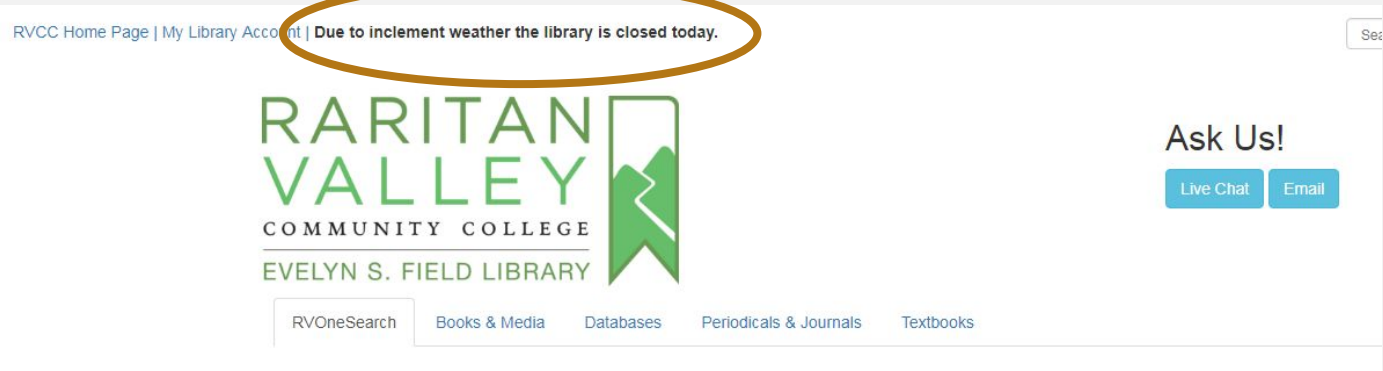
MINOR

- ✓ Include snow closing information in the Library News section
- ✓ Add a link to the Help page to the 'Ask Us' section at the top of the homepage

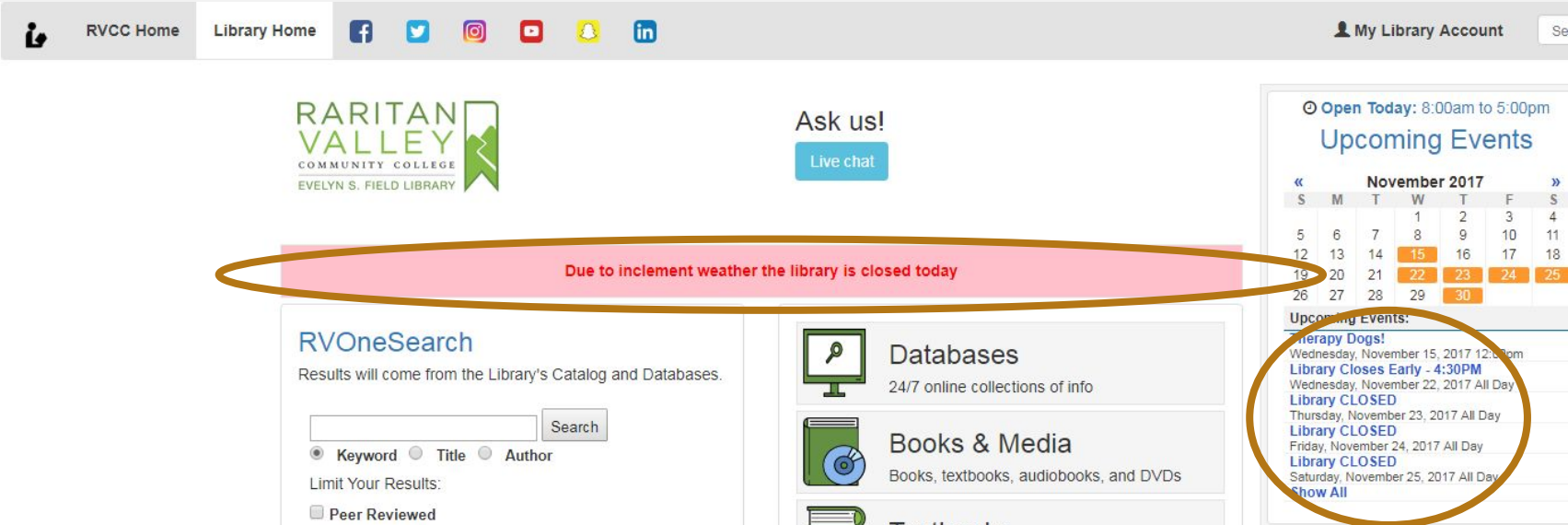
MINOR

Include snow closing information in the 'Library News' section

BEFORE



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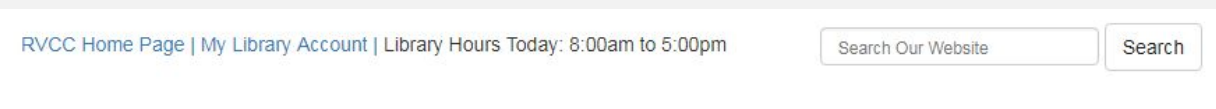


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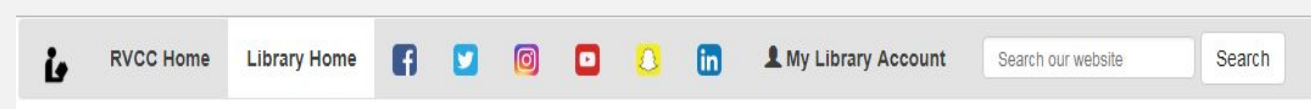
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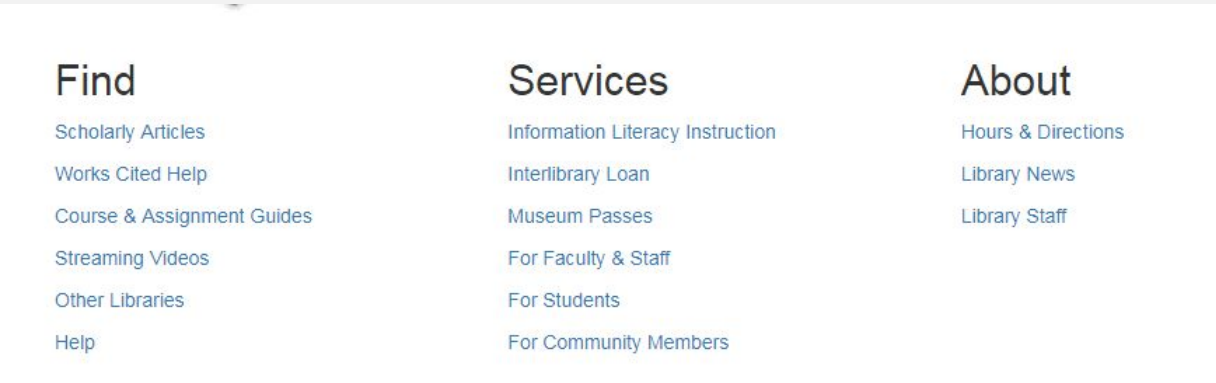
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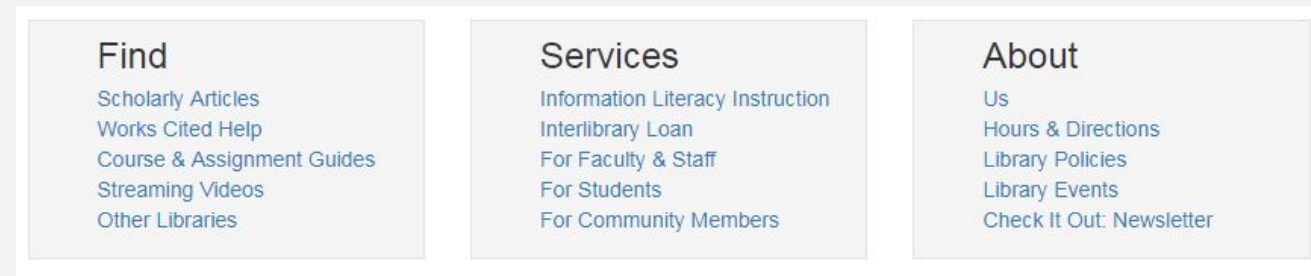
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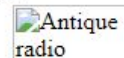
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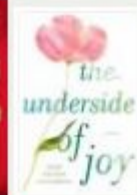
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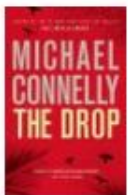
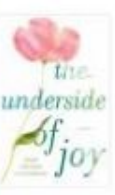
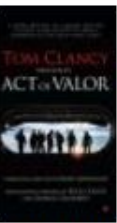

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Tue, Oct 10, 2017 11:00am

Immigration Info Session

Tue, Oct 17, 2017 1:00pm

Therapy Dogs!

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October 10, 2017
11:00-2:30

Robeson Room
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Light refreshments will be served!



Immigration Info Session

Información para los indocumentados

Tuesday, October 17

1:00-2:20

Robeson Room @ RVCC Library

Do you have questions about DACA and TPS?
Would you like to speak to an immigration attorney who can answer your questions about your immigration status?
Be sure to join us and meet Sonia Romero, immigration attorney.
Presentation and Q & A Session.
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