

## Introduction

The OhioLINK Luminaries program aims to introduce undergraduates students from historically underrepresented backgrounds to librarianship.

Miami University Libraries held their first attempt at the luminaries program in 2021-2022.

The key facilitatory attributes of four larger projects that I had involvement in during the 2021-2022 are here explored.

## Luminary Background

### Name

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### Major

Computer Science

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### Related Experiences

Public-Private Sector Digital Services for Tourism Research in Tartu, Estonia

### Teaching Assistant:

Software Engineering, User Interface / User Experience, Tech Ethics

### Career Interest

Public-sector digital innovation, research, and implementation.

## Statistical Analysis

### Title

Productivity of Technical Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic

### Department

Technical Services

### Description

Analyzed and developed non-expert-accessible visualizations of acquisitions data.

### Attributes

Fast-Paced  
Steep Learning Curve

### Facilitatory Attributes

X Communication

## Metadata Curation

### Title

Documenting the COVID-19 Pandemic

### Department

Special Collections

### Description

Curated metadata for a digital collection.

### New Concept

Domain context emphasized > mathematical theory.

### Attributes

Fast-Paced  
Steep Learning Curve  
Relaxed

### Facilitatory Attributes

Communication

## Course Design Assistance

### Title

IMS 202: Information Literacy and Digital Citizenship

### Department

Instruction

### Description

Reframed user experience into an instructional framework to provide insight to the student end of a course in-development.

### Attributes

Relaxing

### Facilitatory Attributes

Structured  
Communication

## Web Development

### Title

Finding Freedom Summer Traveling Exhibit

### Department

Web Services

### Description

Front-end web development.

### New Technologies

CSS, Bootstrap, Javascript, Jekyll.

### Attributes

Not Enough Time

### Facilitatory Attributes

X Patience  
Pre-Planning

# Student Perspective on Strategic Project Engagement in the OhioLINK Luminaries Program

## Summary

### Findings - Organizational

Not all departments were accustomed to working with undergraduate students; communication and pre-planning were particularly helpful in these cases.

Application of mentalizing in onboarding may be of particular relevance in defining rigid versus loose structuring of domain education and progress gauging.

Associated career advisor, 1:1 career path discussions.

### Findings - Personal

Increased interest working in and with libraries.

### Increased understanding of:

Potential research, Departments and work within them, Concerns of academic libraries, Digital optimizability of common process.