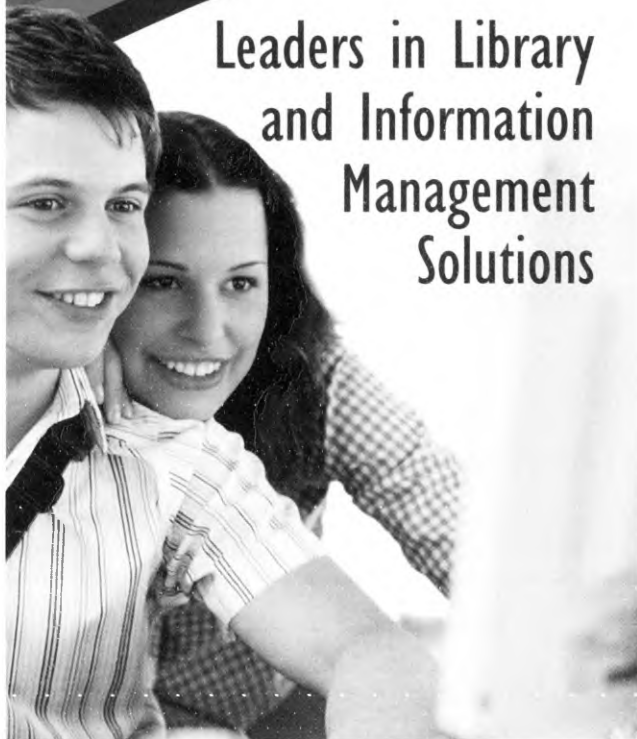


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In June 2007, Edith Cowan University Library (ECU) successfully completed the first stage of a program to familiarise staff with Web 2.0 technologies. A pilot group of eight volunteers participated in an adaptation of the Learning 2.0 program developed by Helene Blowers from the Public Library of the Charlotte & Mecklenburg County (PLCMC) in the US, and licensed under Creative Commons for use by others. This 'off the shelf' program assisted in increasing the knowledge base of social networking technologies, and helped to ensure more effective input into library planning.

Participants found the 'discovery learning' approach of the '23 Things' a useful way to learn. They particularly liked the flexibility of being able to use the technology anywhere at any time. A number of ideas have been suggested for adopting these technologies into ECU Library services. As time allows us to synthesise the learning experiences into daily work patterns we expect to see the Web 2.0 options becoming a real choice for engaging our students.

The library has planned to offer the program to the rest of the library staff in August. It will be extended from nine weeks to thirteen weeks so there is more opportunity to fit the learning into the normal workflows of the larger group. Those interested in seeing what we did can view our blog at <http://eculibrarylearning.blogspot.com/>.

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