Inter-Institutional Sharing of Veterinary Specialty Boards Reading Lists Using LibGuides™

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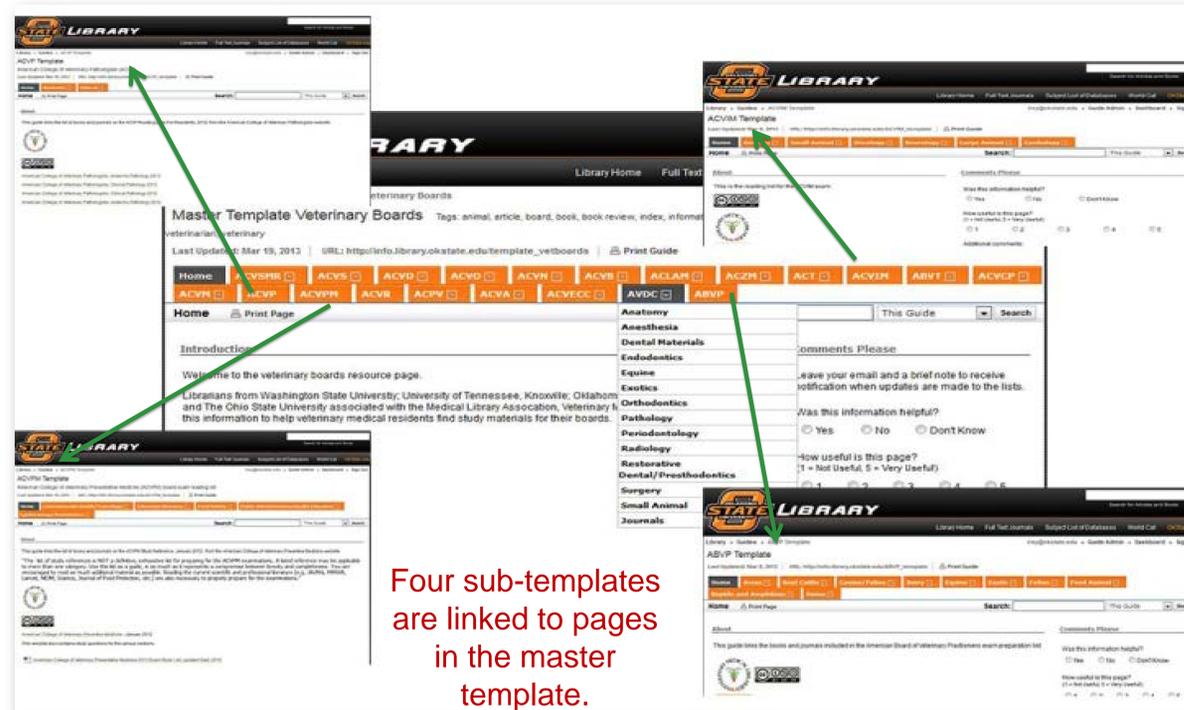
What we wanted

- Make up-to-date recommended reading lists for American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Recognized Specialty Veterinary Organizations (RSVOs) accessible.

- Highlight relevant, practical resources from the veterinary community's perspective; benchmark specialty collections; save veterinary practitioners' time; and maintain a template available to veterinary libraries worldwide.

How we did it

- All but one of the 22 RSVOs and 40 specialties provide recommended reading lists.

- Copies of the reading lists were obtained and maintained in an Excel spreadsheet.

- The authors work with members of each RSVO to ensure lists are current. Then they developed the lists into a web template using LibGuides.

Four sub-templates are linked to pages in the master template.

Librarians at new institutions place template URLs here to import the templates into their systems.

Librarians put in their library's holdings information into the call number, URL, and description boxes.

What happened

Compilation

A template was developed to include reading lists for all recognized veterinary specialties.
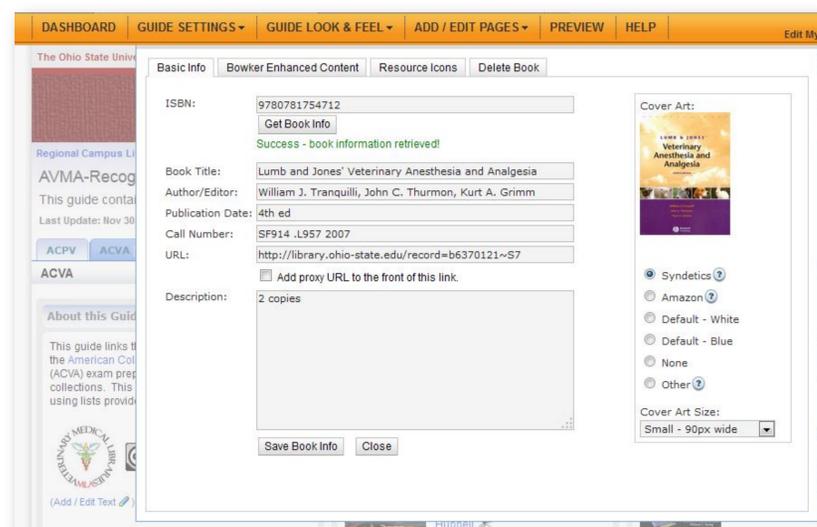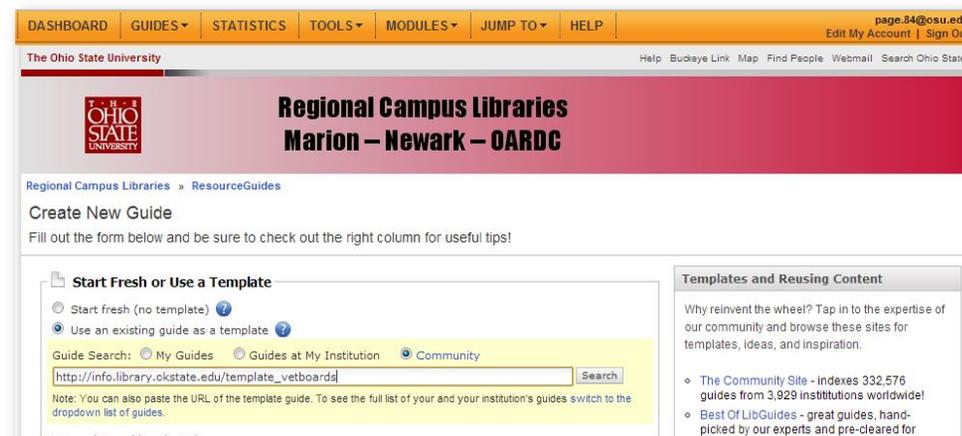
Collaboration

Other libraries can use each reading list guide as a template with a few clicks, whether they use LibGuides or another CMS.

LibGuides allows librarians from any institution to curate the recommended reading lists.

Customization

Library holdings are easily and accurately linked to imported guide templates board certification candidates can use to find holdings.

Reading lists appear on each library's website using that institution's branding.

What we're doing now

- Developing instructions and helping librarians who want to use the template at their institutions,

- integrating WorldCat records into the template as an alternative to local holdings,

- Using the 1100 book titles on the reading lists as a resource for developing a basic list of veterinary books (to complement the basic veterinary serials list).

To view the template and learn more, visit http://info.library.okstate.edu/template_vetboards.