

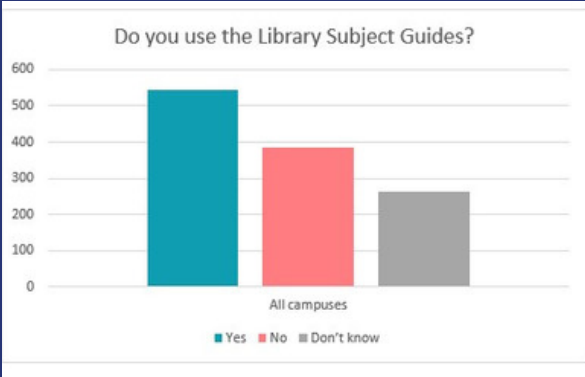
Library Subject Guides*

Tell us what you think!

The Library Digital and Information Literacy Group ran a week of promotional activities - including online surveys, live polling and displays in each Library - to raise awareness and gather feedback from students and staff about the Library Subject Guides.

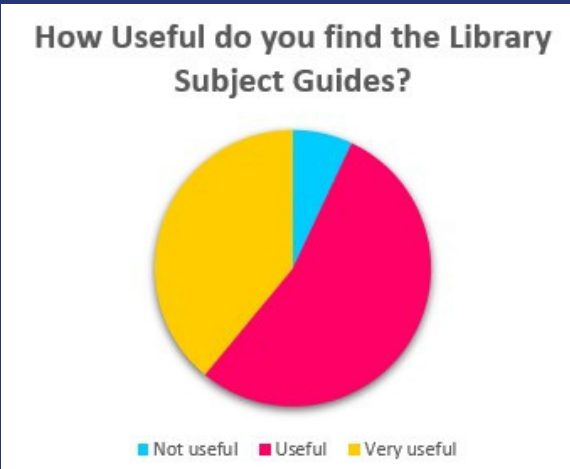
This is what we learned.

Students



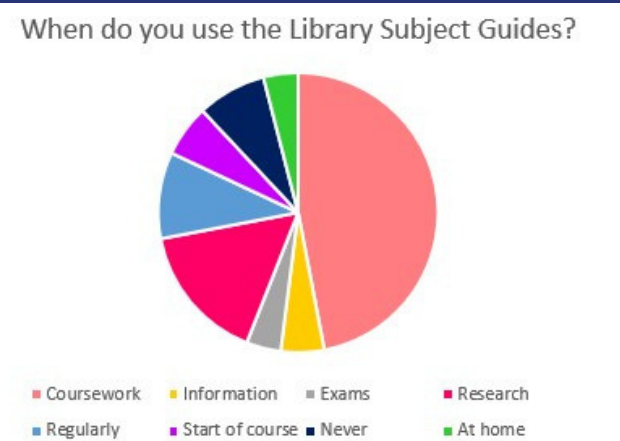
Yes!

44% of the 1244 students who responded to the question 'do you use your Library Subject Guides?' said yes! While the majority of the 33% who replied no and 23% who didn't know about the guides, were shown them by staff during the live polling and Library displays.



But, are they useful?

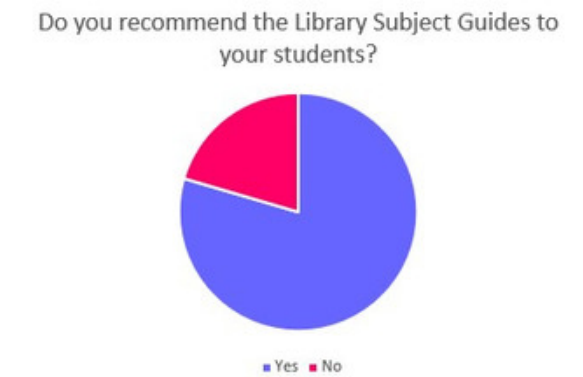
Yes, students have told us they are. 43% of respondents rated the guides as useful, while a whopping 39% went as far to say they were very useful!



When are they being used?

Students are using the guides for a wide variety of reasons and at different times of the year. Coursework (including prep for assignments, essays and referencing) came out on top, followed by general research.

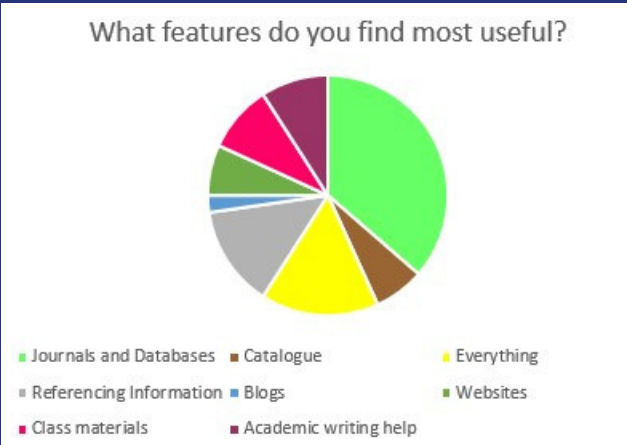
Staff



Yes!

80% of staff who responded said yes they do recommended the Library Subject Guides to their students.

Thank you!



What do staff think are the most useful features for students?

37% of staff rated information, help and links to key journals and databases as the top features. While encouragingly 18% stated everything on the guides were useful! Specific comments also rated the referencing help and availability of class materials online.



What features would staff like to see added?!

Suggestions from staff were many and varied, including; requests for more specific, tailored resources, increased help and guidance, links to online materials and more videos.

*Library Subject Guides collect together tailored resources, information, links and help for specific subject areas. Resources include; links to Library services such as books, databases, referencing help, video guides, library class power-points presentations, handouts, quizzes and much more! Visit the guides [here](#)

What you said about the guides

and what we did

"Referencing content is extremely useful during assignments and videos refresh memory following class"

"The subject guides were really useful. Is somewhere I know I can go for information specific to my coursework"

"Sets you up to pass the course"

"Made things a lot clearer, less stressful"

"It was useful for my dissertation – everything was in one place"

"Great to know which databases to use for my course"

"More videos!" - we now have access to Panopto, more videos are on their way!

"Lecturers to liaise with librarians to raise awareness of subject guides" - Librarians will contact academic staff and ask for their input.

"Don't know what the guides are" - Library posters and flyers are now on display and staff made aware.

"Links to new Books please" - Done!

"Would like more links to key journals and web resources" - we will be updating the guides to include all your specific requests.

More help with academic and report writing - existing help to be reviewed and updated.

"Contact details for Library staff specific to each school" - we are in the process of updating our staff details.

Thank you from Ulster University Library to everyone who took part in the survey!

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