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William We Asked

- Does research coaching from librarians help increase Developmental English student self-confidence in completing course assignments requiring library use?
- Do students within Developmental English courses who receive research instruction use databases with more frequency and selectivity?
- Will students who have research instruction:
- Pass at higher rate than those who did not?
- Be more likely to be promoted to college-level English than students who did not?

I feel like a college student

Why it Matters

- Student success is high priority for college
- Persistence increases chances of success
- Basic Skills students are least likely to persist
- Supportive relationships foster persistence
- Relationships with librarians create a sense of belonging

Building Confident Developmental English Library Users

What we Did

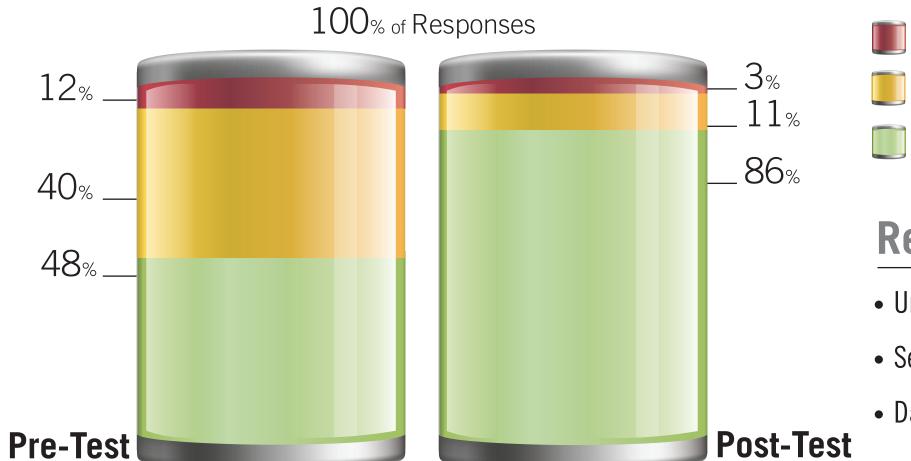
- Pre-Test and Post-Test focus groups
- Tour, 2 database workshops and 1 reflection discussion
- 359 Developmental English students, 2 different semesters, 17 sections

I know how to access the library's resources from off-campus



- Students use of the library increased for research and other purposes
- Awareness of multiple ways to contact librarians dramatically increased

What is a library database?

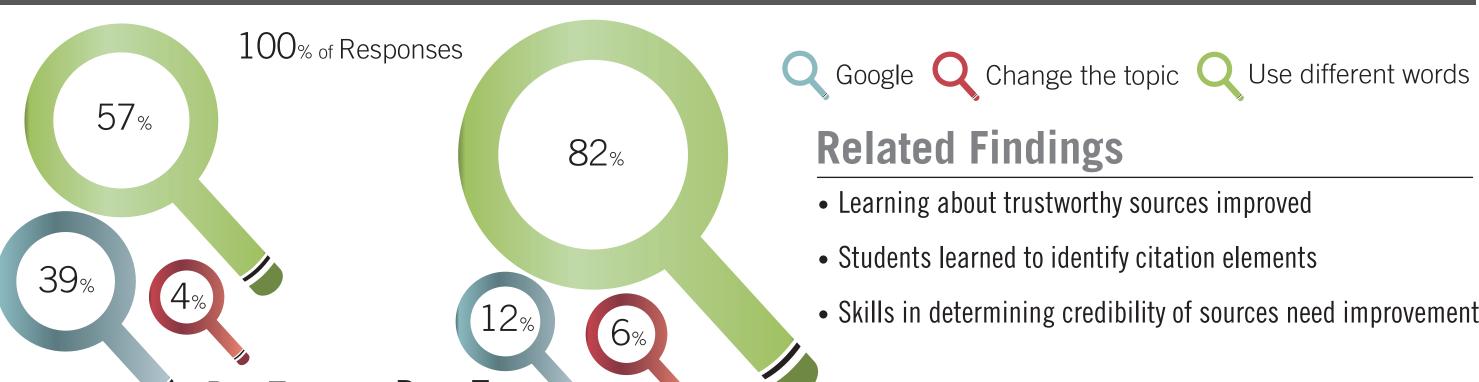


- Searchable directory of library staff
- Searchable website of library books
- Searchable list of published materials

Related Findings

- Understanding of term "database" improved
- Search strategies were explored
- Database limitations for research needs were discovered

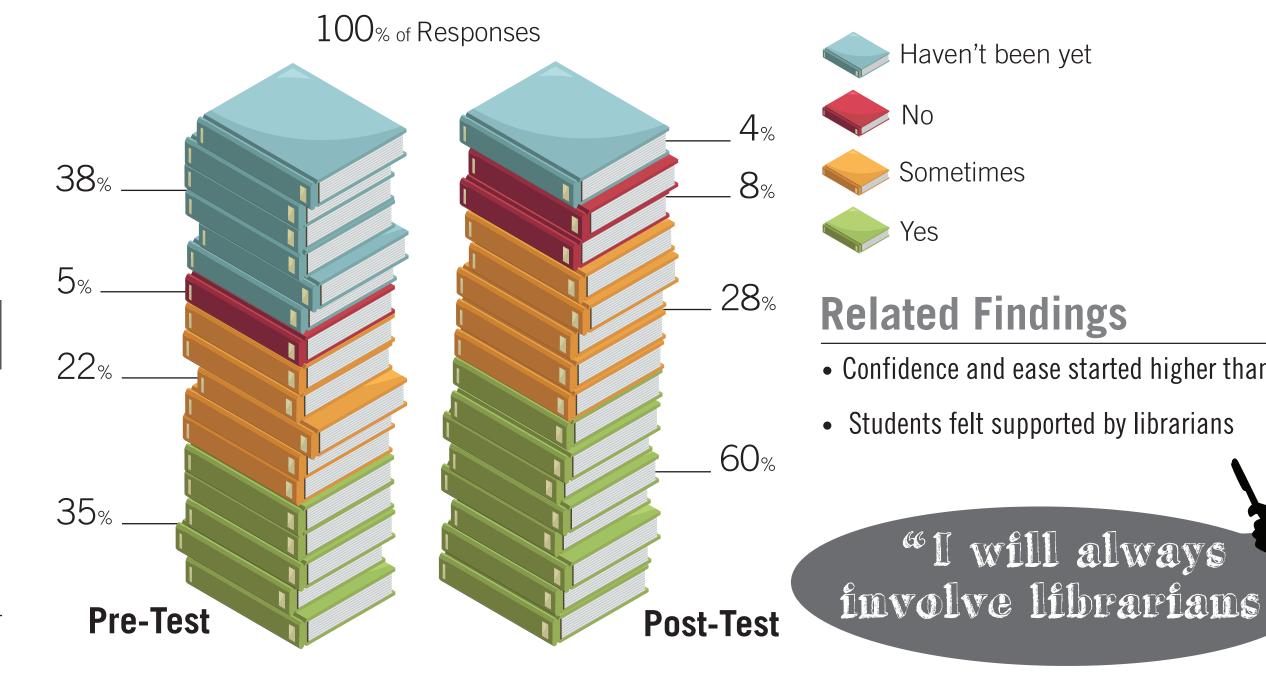
Your search is not giving you the desired results, you?



Related Findings

- Learning about trustworthy sources improved
- Students learned to identify citation elements
- Skills in determining credibility of sources need improvement

I feel sure of myself when using the library for research





Related Findings

- Confidence and ease started higher than expected and got higher
- Students felt supported by librarians

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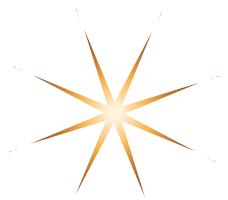
- Track student persistence and success in later English classes
- Use workshop method for other Developmental English classes
- Build assessment for library instruction

What we Learned



Teaching Developmental English students to search for evidence for essays is:

- Achievable by librarians
- Useful to students
- Appreciated by teachers









- Enhances notion of librarian as coach and support for student success
- Allows more reinforcement of learning skills
- Increases use of the library by teachers and students
- Encourages positive perceptions of library

