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Please save the dates for two upcoming Library Research Education events:

**Exploring the Library's Teaching and Learning Strategy: the Library Research Education Program**
- Monday, March 30, 2009 [next Monday]
- 1:00 - 2:00pm
- Sterling Memorial Library Lecture Hall

**Spring Research Education Forum:**
- How to be a Great Teacher in & out of the Classroom
- Friday, May 1, 2009
- 10:00am - 12:30pm
- Yale Center for British Art Auditorium

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### Teaching GIS

The Yale Map Department [GIS Workshop Series](#) is a hands-on introduction to the use of Geographic Information Systems software for the creation, management and analysis of spatial data. The workshops are taught by Map Department GIS Assistant, Stacey Maples. The series includes an Introductory session, repeated several times each semester, as well as task-based sessions specifically targeted to users who need to perform more advanced tasks, such as geocoding of addresses, georeferencing of scanned maps and imagery and integration of GPS data. The Introductory session can also be customized for specific audiences, which have included The Yale School of Forestry's MODS Student Orientation, The Yale Medical School's Robert Wood Johnson Scholars, The Urban Resource Initiative and the Yale Center for Public Health Preparedness. Since June of 2007, Stacey has taught more than 40 sessions in the GIS Workshop Series and more than 60 custom sessions to a combined audience of more than 1800 students, faculty and staff.

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### Social Networking for Research Education

The Science Libraries has been employing Library 2.0 technologies to better reach and educate their users. With a strong presence in [flickr](#) and Facebook and most recently in the world of mobile devices, the Science Library is not only innovating their services but also suggesting best practices for realistic applications of 2.0 technologies. Recently, Joe Murphy developed iPhone-based text messaging reference and other mobile friendly services for the Yale Science Libraries, matching patrons’ mobility by “bringing reference where they are through a preferred medium.” The iPhone also saves time, enabling SMS, phone, email, IM service, and posting...
Noteworthy Books


Now in its third edition, *The Craft of Research* has become something of a modern classic in the research guide genre. Pitched at the perfect level for advanced undergraduates, *The Craft of Research* walks students through all of the steps of a research project. The authors discuss how to turn a broad interest in a topic into a question that will drive a research project, how to gather resources that will allow students to answer this question, and the best way to write up results. Since the principles covered apply to scientists and humanists alike, students in all disciplines will benefit from the book. Reference librarians will also benefit from *The Craft of Research*, as it helps information professionals understand how their specific skills fit into a particular part of the research process. By understanding the needs and assumptions of researchers, librarians will be better able to help them. (GE)


A basic research and writing guide for freshman and sophomores written by two professors. The guide contains excellent examples of exercises to help students identify a topic, construct an argument, select and incorporate evidence, and conduct primary research. Additionally, activities useful for teaching librarians and archivists are also highlighted. (BR)