"Learning and teaching should not stand on opposite banks and just watch the river flow by; instead, they should embark together on a journey down the water."
~ Loris Malaguzzi (1920–1994)

The Life & Times of an Embedded Librarian

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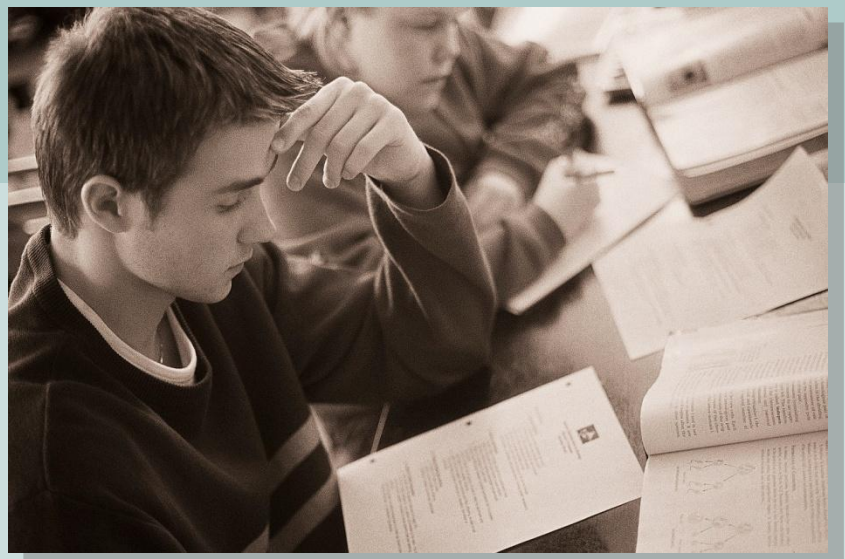
Agenda



- What is an embedded librarian?
- What I did and what my colleague, Jen, is doing.
- An embedded librarian: Why or why not?
- Tools for embedding
- Your thoughts & questions

What is an embedded librarian?

For Example…

PTC
PULASKI
Technical College
Dedicated to your success

THE UNIVERSITY of
TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE

UNIVERSITY OF
Rhode Island

Penn State Erie The Behrend College

Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar

What I did and what Jen is doing…

About UW-L and First Year Students

UW-L
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

- UW-L is located in La Crosse, Wisconsin; population 52,000
- 2,305 first-year students came to UW-L in fall 2008
- 79% of these students were in the top 25% of their class

What I did…

In Fall 2007	In Spring 2008
• Introduced to class during 2nd week of classes as the embedded librarian for classes • 1 formal information literacy session • 1 research day • Available in-person, via e-mail or chat • Read-rights to Class' D2L Content • Embedded librarian webpage	• Introduced to class during 1st week of classes as a co-instructor and the embedded librarian for these classes • 1 formal information literacy session • 2 research days • Available in-person, via e-mail or chat • Instructor rights to class' **D2L site**

What Jen did or is doing…

In Fall 2008	In Spring 2009
• Introduced to class during 1st week of classes as a co-instructor and the embedded librarian for these classes • 1 formal information literacy session • 2 research days • Available in-person, via e-mail or chat • Instructor rights to class' **D2L site** • Embedded librarian webpage	• Introduced to class during 1st week of classes as a co-instructor and the embedded librarian for these classes • 1 formal information literacy session • 4 research days • Reviewed preliminary bibliographies • Attended select speech days • Available in-person, via e-mail or chat • Instructor rights to class' **D2L site** • Rights to e-mail class • LibData Course Pages with learning objects

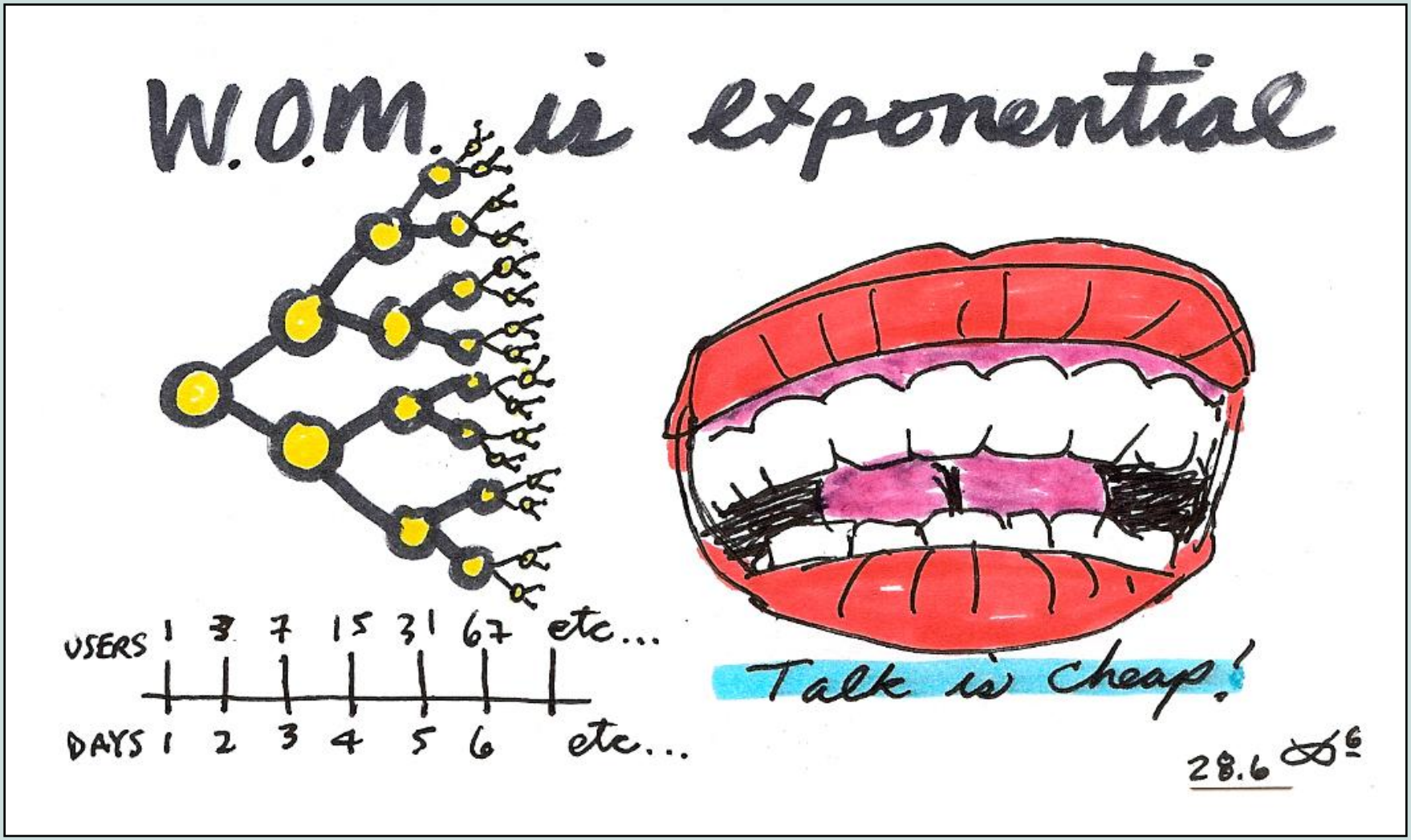
An embedded librarian: Why or why not?

“For every person who wants to teach there are approximately thirty people who don't want to learn--much.”

~ W. C. Sellar and R. J. Yeatman,
And Now All This (1932) introduction

Why did I want to embed?

To match what I know about human behavior and today's students…



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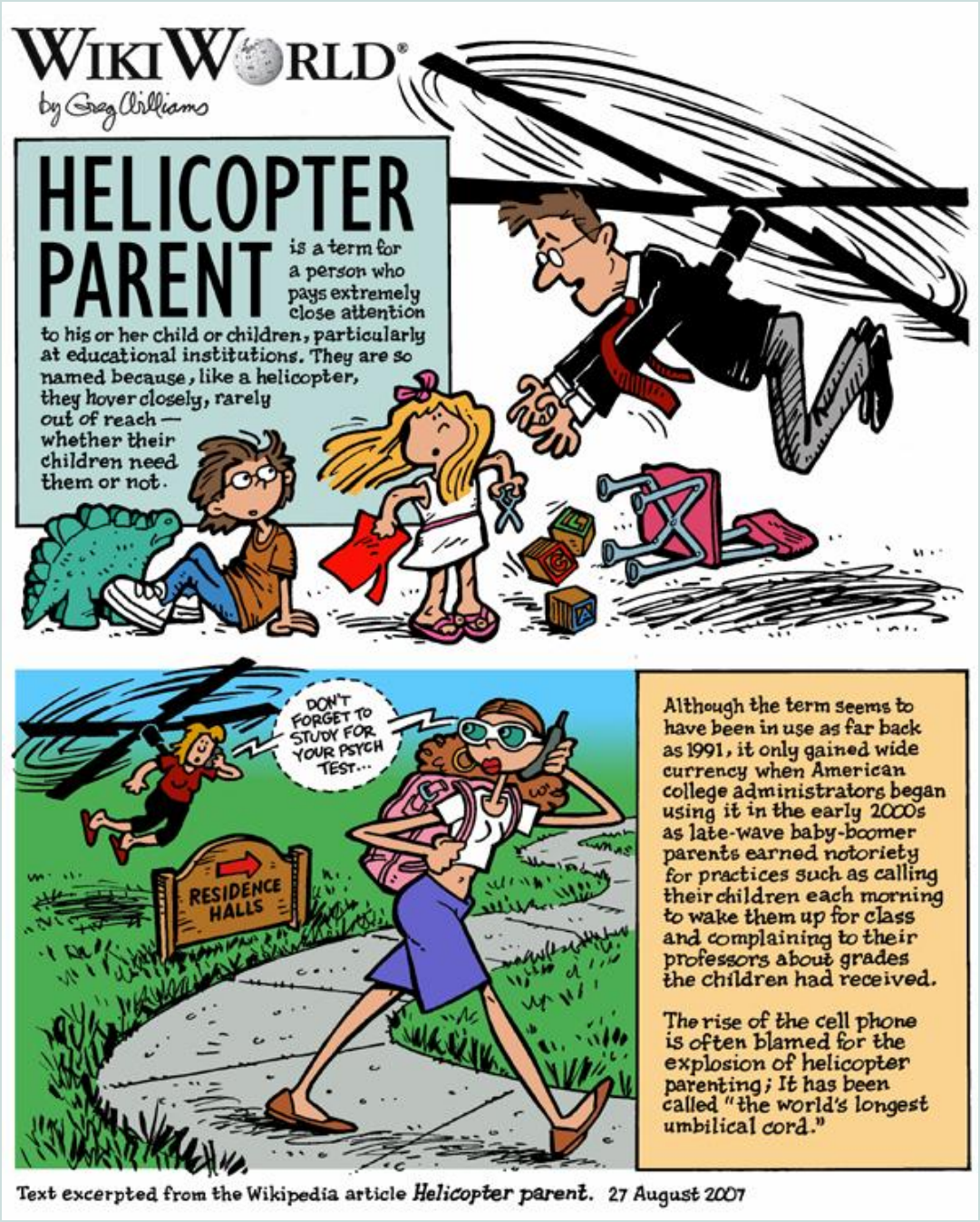

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Benefits of embedded librarianship…

What Jen thinks…

Challenges of embedded librarianship…

Toolbox for embedding

Microsoft Office Outlook Web Access
Provided by Microsoft Exchange Server 2003

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Desire2Learn
Innovative Learning Technology

Help!

Off Campus Access

Ask A Librarian

UWL eresources librarian is online

Type **here** and hit enter to send a private message.

edit nickname: meeboguest239257

get meebo

If the librarian is offline, please send an e-mail to chilton.gala@uwlax.edu.

Where is Your Embedded Librarian

LibData : Library Page Authoring Environment

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“Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.”
~ Abigail Adams

Thoughts?

Comments?

Questions?

Thank you!