

# Lesson Plan Template

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First year students

**Topic:** Adding a Little Mystery to a University FYE Program: How Librarians Developed a Mystery Game to Teach Fundamental Search Skills to First Years

**Objectives:** (list 2 or 3)

- students will be able to find a book in the catalog and then locate it on the shelf
- students will be able to check out a book on reserve
- students will be able to use the library website to find important information

**Materials:**

- Resource bag containing: first clue, map, rules, tip sheets, cipher key, pencil and paper
- Buttons and library services flier for all participants
- Fidget toys for winning team members

**Activities:**

30 Minutes Find the Professor's Folder

- Students work in teams of 3-5 to solve riddles/puzzles that will take them to the following departments: Archives, Art Gallery, Circulation, Group Study Suite, Reference Desk and Stacks
- Designated librarians in these departments have hints to handout if students get stuck

**Assessment:**

- Participants completed an exit survey

**ACRL Information Literacy Framework:**

- Searching as Strategic Exploration
  - match information needs and search strategies to appropriate search tools
  - understand how information systems (i.e., collections of recorded information) are organized in order to access relevant information