Sustainable and Effective Professional Development for Information Literacy: Current Status and Thoughts for the Future

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The Information Literacy Network is a professional network of predominantly expatriate library professionals whose aim has been to support members with increased professional development opportunities within the context of a culturally diverse and ever-changing region.
Information Literacy Network of the Gulf (ILN)
Recent Regional ILN Workshops

Technology and Information Literacy Theme
2013-2014

• Georgetown University, Doha, Qatar
• Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat, Oman
• United Arab Emirates University, Al Ain, UAE
• Zayed University, United Arab Emirates
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Satisfaction with **workshop content** was positive, but...

How and **what** were we evaluating?
What did you learn?
How do you plan to apply this learning?
Have you implemented things learned in your organization?
“Continuous learning is critical to renewing the expertise and skills needed to assist patrons in this information age.

Library workers must continually expand their knowledge in order to keep up with the rate of change.”

(ALA, 2014)
Effective professional development for librarians therefore...
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Enhances library outcomes
Effective professional development for librarians therefore...

Changes professional practice
Effective professional development for librarians therefore...

Applies principles of andragogy to improve skills
Effective professional development for librarians therefore...

Connects new expertise to continuous work-based learning
http://23things.info/
MOOCs
Massive Open Online Courses
CONCLUSIONS
QUOTE re students of today/ need for libraries
and librarians to remain relevant at the cutting
edge…

Recommendations
Where Do We Go from Here...?
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