# NCknows 2012 NCCCLRA Meeting

- Asheville!, April 3rd 2012

## NCknows: Big Doings

- \* Transitioned to Libraryh3lp
- \* Retrained all librarians and edited all links/widgets
- \* Outreach to new libraries- NCSU / NCpedia
- \* Finished 6 months of record-breaking traffic.

## Why the fuss?

### Libraryh3lp Predictions

- More popular with patrons higher traffic
- More popular with librarians- easier to train
- More sustainable in other words... cheaper
- Better quality

### Transitions-fun!

- Changed code for all libraries
- Populated profiles for all libraries
- Trained hundred of librarians in 5 regional trainings and untold # of phone trainings.
- Created hundreds of accounts
- Customized widgets/buttons/service rollover
- Create support website
- Added new libraries (NCSU amongst others)
- Checked on all libraries for compliance.

### Wait-there's more!

- Hired staffmembers to provide afterhours coverage- hundreds of applications.
- Trained staff and got them up and running in UNC system.
- Trained and supervised 6 volunteers
- Created Fall Schedule

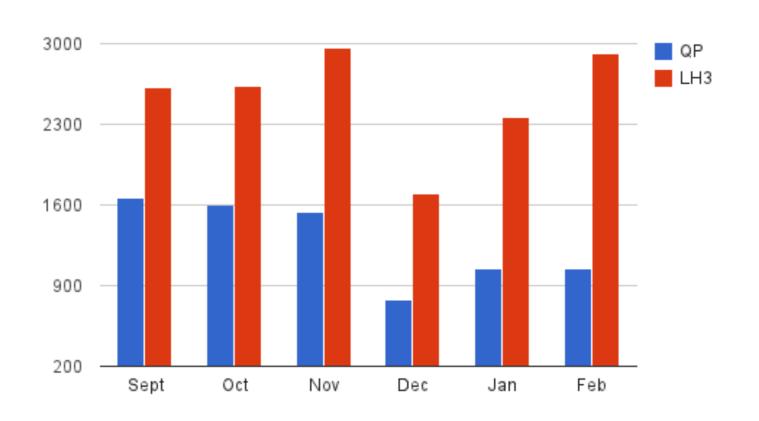
Went live week of Aug 22- on time!

### "More Popular with Patrons"

Well was it?

- Anyway you slice it, traffic was higher.
  - Widgets vs. buttons
  - More libraries (NCpedia, NCSU)
  - Better marketing (Lenoir Rhyne, NCpedia)

### Raw NCknows Traffic



rise up

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#### INTRODUCTION TO NCPEDIA



POPULAR TOPICS

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## Widgets/Placement Work

CML: 277 (Sept only)

QP 2011: 693

Lenoir Rhyne: 47 (Sept only)

QP 2011: 4

Barton: 31 (Sept only)

QP 2011: 16

Moc: 38 (Sept only)

QP 2011: 30

NCpedia: 310 (Sept only)

## Community Colleges

Central Piedmont 96 (2011)

28 (2010)

Wake Tech

199 (2011)

89 (2010)

### "More Popular with Librarians"

Thanks to CC librarians who help!

- . Central Piedmont
- . Wake Tech
- . Pitt CC
- · Vance Granville CC

# After Hours Quality?

• Elusive- need to evaluate over the summer.

### Things I've seen:

Wait times

Length of session

"Extra mile" factor

Busy times

### **Business Hours Quality?**

### Issue #1: Daytime staff

- New model means people need to show up and answer questions during the day.
- Tighter staffing and higher traffic- morale cruncher.
- NCpedia solution
- Coop- crazy librarian idea?
- At the same time- more libns doing VR, sometimes 9-12 libns on at one time in NC.

### Opportunities to Improve

- Staffing levels: biggest issue
- Social networking/communication
- Buttons to Widgets, Better Marketing
- Circulation issues
- More outreach
- Take greater advantage of LH3- SMS
- Surveys & Profiles
- Software improvements (Banning!)
- Website for Staff

# Thank YOU!!!