

All Together Now: Let's Clean Up our LibGuides!

Framing Questions for Developing Local Strategy

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What is the **purpose** and conceptual vision for the LibGuides system?

- To what extent is there coherence in purpose in how the LibGuides are designed?
- What is your goal with LibGuides on a spectrum from encyclopaedic resource to a discipline at one end and a brief list of most-used starting points on the other?
- How consistently does the design of individual LibGuides, groups of guides, and the system overall, match the envisioned purpose?
- What LibGuide design elements or approaches to providing content support pedagogical or learning outcomes goals for your library/learning commons?
- How might templates and/or a local best-practices design manual support coherence?

What is the **history** of my Springshare system?

- How much custom coding is in use sitewide, in groups, or for individual pages?
- How many guide types and groups are in use? How consistently are the types/groups applied to the content? Is the number of guide types/groups appropriate to our use?
- How have assets, images, and FAQs been used and maintained?
- How have subject headings been used and maintained?
- How has the A-Z list been used and maintained?

What are the current **challenges** with the system?

- To what extent are widgets used and documented?
- How many layers exist within the average LibGuide? How many tabs for sub-pages? How many nested tabs for sub-pages? How easy are the LibGuides to navigate?
- How often are mapped boxes and pages used?
- What is your progress on Bootstrap 5 migration (January 31, 2027 deadline) for each component of the Springshare Suite?
- What is your progress on Accessibility compliance?

What **improvements** could be made to the Springshare ecosystem?

- When was your LibGuide style guide written or revised?
- How might templates improve navigation, consistency, or style compliance?
- Will LibGuides with several navigation tabs and sub-tabs work better in your environment or single-layer, simple LibGuides with links to key resources?
- How does the design of your LibGuides align with your library or learning commons learning outcomes and pedagogical approach?
- Who is going to maintain this system? What will their coding skill level likely be?
- Will content be managed separately from administrative/system level maintenance?