

Library Success: A Best Practices Wiki <http://www.libsuccess.org>

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Created in 2005 by Meredith Farkas, Library Success (libsuccess.org) was developed for great ideas and information for all types of librarians (libsuccess.org Introduction). In order to achieve this goal, the site uses wiki software to allow registered users to easily create content and update the website. Intended to be a collaborative, community based Library Success allows for anyone to add, or edit, W K H V L W General Topics Covered include, but are not limited to: professional development, management and leadership, library advocacy, and library services. There are success stories, resources, and general articles related to the each topic. Each category is organized into numerous topics, making it easy for visitors to navigate the site and locate the information that they are seeking.

As with any community based wiki, the site is largely dependent on its user base. At the time of this review, there were nearly four hundred registered users seemingly representing a relatively diverse national and professional background. While not all the users have been active in editing the wiki, enough individuals have contributed so that the majority of pages are filled with informative links and information. Unfortunately, one troubling sign concerning the user base is a lack of new registrations. An examination of the history page for the wiki indicates that the

& R Q W L Q X L Q J ( G X F D W L R Q 2 S S R U W X Q L W ) Conference D J H Z K H U H W opportunities listed took place from 2005 through 2008. Outdated pages such as this fail to provide viewers with relevant information and at the same time might dissuade individuals from becoming contributors out of concerns that the wiki is no longer adequately supported by the intended community.

Still, despite this one worrisome sign, Library Success