

# “Research can be fun!”

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## Recruiting future students by showcasing Library Resources at Carleton

Guiding grade 8 to 11 students in a week-long, enriched, academic library learning experience, helped them discover that research really can be fun!

A **9 person team** of library specialists taught **10 half-day mini sessions** to 15 students during the week of **May 3-7, 2010** and explored different areas of the MacOdrum Library’s collection that incorporated innovative, academic research techniques

### What we taught ?

- Behind the scenes of an academic library
- These aren’t the Indians you thought they were!
- Celebrating religions
- All about adaptive technology
- Be a language detective
- Is history dead?
- Who are the people in your neighbourhood?
- Archives & rare books in pop culture
- Gaming in academia
- Marketing me

### What ‘they’ learned ?

- Team intros and tour ; how a book gets to the shelf
- How First Nations people in Canada see themselves
- Researching religious festivals, ceremonies and rites
- How students with disabilities use the library’s adaptive technology
- Solving morphology, phonology & syntax problems
- Using gravestones and obituaries as primary sources
- Discovering your city using the Census; GIS tools and Google maps
- Discovering rare books and archives
- Exposed the history of computer games and played games!
- Resume writing, & marketing yourself on social media

### What ‘we’ learned ?

- Library outreach for young minds is important
- Students are creative and collaborative
- Challenging to engage students on their terms
- Discovered how they communicate with us
- Youthful enthusiasm is good for all of us
- ‘WE LIKED EVERYTHING’ was their review of us!

