LIBRARIES RESEARCH FUND APPLICATION FORM

The University of Kansas Libraries Administration allocates money each year for the purpose of furthering the research activities of all library faculty and unclassified professional staff for whom research is a part of their professional assignment. These funds are to be used for conducting research, to supplement other sources of research funding, and to assist librarians who have research opportunities that may result in out of pocket expenses.

Funds generally are awarded throughout the year as requests are submitted to the Committee on Research and Scholarly Activities. Requests should be detailed enough to communicate your needs clearly to the Committee. Supportive documentation can be attached to this form if it is highly relevant to the request. For international travel requests it is recommended that outside funding through the Office of International Programs be procured before or in parallel with an LRF application.

Please respond to the following questions. When finished, return the request to the current CRSA chair. If funding for the project is approved, a brief project description will be posted on the CRSA web page. LRF recipients will also be required to give a brief presentation about their project at a CRSA sponsored forum.

Name: Michelle Reed

Department: Research and Learning Division

1. Title or brief description of project:

Digital Storytelling Project on Library Anxiety

2. Describe the research project (e.g. article abstract, proposal):

This multidisciplinary and collaborative project was initiated in spring 2015 by a group of students in Film and Media Studies 302. KU Libraries, represented by Michelle Reed and Tami Albin, served as a client in the course, which was designed as an experiential learning opportunity to provide students “real world” experience creating a digital product on behalf of a non-profit organization. KU Libraries’ student team was asked to produce a reusable learning resource that could be integrated into first-year courses to introduce students to the library as a campus resource and reduce library anxiety. The framework for an interactive game accomplishing this goal was created. However, due to a family emergency involving one of the team’s key members, the majority of the illustrations necessary for the game are still incomplete, which has delayed course integration and assessment. The resource is slated for use in University 101 courses in fall 2016, which will not be possible without funding to support completion of the remaining illustrations and their integration into the game design. Once complete, the
project will serve as a case study for experiential learning, student leadership within libraries, successful faculty partnerships, and undergraduate student engagement.

3. Describe the purpose and final outcome of project (i.e. article, book, poster session, conference, etc.). If applicable, note the location where final project will be presented:

A paper co-authored by myself and the course instructors will be submitted to the *Journal of Information Literacy*. Additionally, presentation opportunities will be explored, potentially including LOEX 2017, ACRL 2017, and/or The Collective 2017.

4. Estimated time line for completion of project:
March – May 2016: completion of illustrations/game finalization
June – July 2016: testing and creation of supplemental materials
August – October 2016: course integration and assessment
November – December 2016: paper submitted for publication

5. Provide an itemized estimation of expenses or evidence of actual accrued expenses, including any other sources of funding you have applied for or received for this project. Also, indicate the amount of LRF support that you are seeking and how the funds will be used. (The award must be completely spent by June 1 of the fiscal year in which it was awarded):

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6. If any part of your project is dependent on a contractual or other financial arrangement with a third party, please provide a copy of the written agreement outlining the services to be provided and the estimated cost.

Attached.

Signature: [Signature]
Date: [3/11/16]
Please do not fill out this portion of the form. This portion must be completed by the Committee for Research & Scholarly Activities.

Decision of Committee on Research and Scholarly Activities:
Funded: Yes ___ No ___
If yes, amount funded __________
If no, reason for decision ________________________________

Signature of CRSA Representative: __________________________

Date: __________________