Bet on Your Colleagues: Cross-Campus Collaboration to Deliver Presentation Skills Workshops

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The workshop is highly successful likely because:

1. It cuts across disciplines
2. It’s applicable to undergrads, grads, staff, and faculty alike
3. Public speaking is a common project in many courses
4. Many people suffer from inherent anxiety around giving presentations and need pointers on how to get through it professionally and positively.

"I think that this workshop will make me feel more confident the next time I speak" - student

"The most valuable thing was the Prepare section, especially the part on where to find images" - staff

"The value of the power pose and the different apps also help with presentations" - student

"The overall presentation workshop was great. One area that I made sure to practice was the practice part of the Power pose. I am a better speaker because of this workshop" - student

"I learned to try and give a good story that relates to my presentation, also what format my presentation is trying to make" - student

The reason the workshop can continue to be successful is the strong team of librarians committed to meeting the needs. Lily Dubach; Lily@ucf.edu
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