

GETTING STARTED WITH USABILITY TESTING: an Infopeople webinar

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RESOURCES

Books

<http://rosenfeldmedia.com/books/>

This publishing company was started by a librarian. Rosenfeld publishes on a variety of aspects of UX like content strategy, designing for kids, form design, and other discrete aspects.

The UX Book by Pardha S. Pyla and Rex Hartson, 2012

A 900 page textbook, this book gives you a firm grounding as a usability professional. They advocate for a holistic approach which looks at the complete experience a user has when interacting with your company, product, or service.

Don't Make Me Think, Revisited by Steve Krug, 2014

Krug is the go-to guy and the first book you want to read when you get into UX. Steve's book has been a #1 bestseller on Amazon for years. Read this if you want to learn how people view website, text, and how to best serve your busy population. Follow it with his other book, Rocket Surgery Made Easy.

Smashing UX Design by Jesmond Allen and James Chudley, 2012

This book is a great introduction to a variety of design methodologies. It is to the point and the volume is thick only because it is full of so many methods. Unfortunately, it is out of print, but highly recommended if you can find it. Can't find it? Try User Experience Re-Mastered: Your Guide to Getting the Right Design by Chauncey Wilson, 2009.

Web

User Experience Design at SlideRule <https://www.mysliderule.com/learning-paths/user-experience-design/learn/>

Want to learn UX through freely accessible online resources? SlideRule has put together a learning path of videos for this do-it-yourself course. Some of the links use Lynda.com tutorials. Check with your local library for access.

UIE Podcasts <https://www.uie.com/brainsparks/topics/podcasts/>

User Interface Engineering (UIE) is another powerhouse. They offer paid workshops and classes on a regular basis. You can view their UIE Library for a trial period. The Library is their entire collection of previous videos. UIE also goes the conference route. But a freebie podcast is available shortly after every tutorial. The presenter summarizes what they talked about, then answer submitted questions.

UX Magazine, uxmag.com

Read and submit to this online magazine. The articles are thoughtful and provide insight on techniques across a broad spectrum of industries. You are guaranteed to learn something and leave with new ideas.

UXers in Libraries

LibUX.com

Disclaimer: this site is ran by Michael Schofield and myself. We focus on UX in libraries and the higher ed web. You will find podcasts with interviews of other UX people in libraries, discussions about UX topics, and data analysis on trends in library websites.

WeaveUX.org

The first library UX open access journal. Part of the contributions are peer-reviewed by other library professionals in the field. The journal publishes a couple times a year.

Design & UX for Libraries Facebook group, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/libux/>

An informal group to post your questions, share your work, and just connect with other web and UX professionals in libraries.

#LITAux Twitter chats

Every other Friday, join the LITA sponsored UX chat by using the hashtag #LITAux. The moderator of each chat changes session to session. Tune in at 2 p.m. EST. Submit your questions ahead of time to the moderator or ask the day of. To learn more, check the LITA blog, <http://litablog.org/>