QR Codes, text a librarian and more...

Using mobile ‘phones in our libraries

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What I’ll be talking about...

- Text a Librarian service @ Huddersfield Uni
- Text tips & tricks @ Huddersfield Uni
- QR codes in the library @ Huddersfield Uni
- A few more thoughts...
A few facts and figures

- Around 9 in 10 adults use a mobile phone
- 116.5 ‘phones per 100 people in the UK!
- 99% of mobile phone users make calls
- 95% of mobile phone users send texts
- 35% of mobile phone users use mobile internet
- 217 million texts a day (mobile data association)
- 32% of American’s accessed ‘net from a phone

Text a librarian

https://www.hudsms.co.uk
Text HUDUNI LIB followed by your message to 81025
Text tips & tricks

Thank you for signing up to this series of tips & tricks to using the library. You'll receive a series of text messages during the term, starting on 05/10/09.

Just to start off, here's a quick audio guide to the student centre that's the floor where you enter the library.
http://studentcentre.notlona.com

Do you know how to find it?
QR Codes
What are QR codes?

- 2D matrix code
- International standard

Lots of demonstrations on YouTube, such as-
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uf_DNHPBV-s
What are we using them for?

- Links to mobile friendly videos
- Contact numbers / text messages
- Link to full text of print journals
- Links to useful resources

On:

- Printed handouts, shelf ends, library catalogue, signage, anywhere with a flat surface...
I'm also available electronically –

http://englishlegal.notlong.com/

What's the strange picture for?

It's a QR code. QR code readers can be downloaded free for most camera 'phones from the internet (just Google QR reader and the model of your 'phone). They then translate a QR code image and prompt your 'phone to do something – in this case go to a webpage containing the full text of the book.
How can people use them?

- Install a (normally) free application on their ‘phone
- Easiest method is to Google “QR reader” and the model of your ‘phone
- Basic information and links on our webpage:
  http://www2.hud.ac.uk/cls/library/usingIT/qrcodes.php
How are we promoting them?

Curiosity & Greed.

What am I?

Read this QR code for a chance to win a £100 voucher towards a new mobile phone.

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Going forward, other thoughts...

- LIRG research.

Do students mind us contacting them via mobile ‘phone?
Feedback

- Text (HUDUNI LIB as the 1st words of a message to 81025)
- Email (a.p.walsh@hud.ac.uk)
- Twitter (@andywalsh999)
- Any questions?

My contact details as a QR tag