



AN ACADEMIC KICKSTART

How librarian involvement enhances students' academic literacy

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THE CONTEXT

- Liaison librarian at the Department of Health Sciences
- Nursing program
- 120 students/semester
- Academic theoretical course
- Report writing
- Other examinations

MY PRESENTATION:

- how the developmental changes evolved and how the lectures looks like today
- the principles of andragogy and student activating methods
- my efforts to locate the students' point of departure

BACK IN 2017

- 30 students out of 120 passed the report paper writing on their first attempt.
- A lot of extra work for everyone
- We had to do something!

THE COURSE COORDINATORS

- Offers lectures about the nursing profession, science and nursing theory, the research process, ethics, communication and scientific writing
- The assignments were altered to strengthen the students' academic literacy

ME, THE LIASION LIBRARIAN

- developed a set of five lectures, workshops and a reference quiz
- earlier we offered three lectures with two workshops
- But it's not only to increase the number of lectures!

LECTURE 1-3

1. Brief library introduction

- The library + the nursing program
- Helping them helping themselves

2. Reference management in Active Learning Classroom

- Mandatory lecture with practical exercises
- 8 groups / 8 half days / 2 librarians

3. How to search for references and how to review scientific articles, lecture and workshop

- Searching scientific article references
- Review questions

LECTURE 4 AND 5

4. How to search for scientific articles in Cinahl, lecture and workshop

- Search for a scientific article
- Use it in the report

5. A four hour open workshop together with

- Information seeking, referencing, word, writing, course specific questions
- 2-3 librarians
- A supplemental instruction leader
- A writing instructor from the Language Resource Center



THE REFERENCE QUIZ

- Mandatory reference quiz
- 13 questions with three alternatives each
- 100%
- Access to APA 7 manual
- Film with the right answers

BUT IT'S MORE THAN INCREASING THE NUMBER OF LECTURES

- The adult learning theory
- Andragogy
- Knowles et.al. (2015)

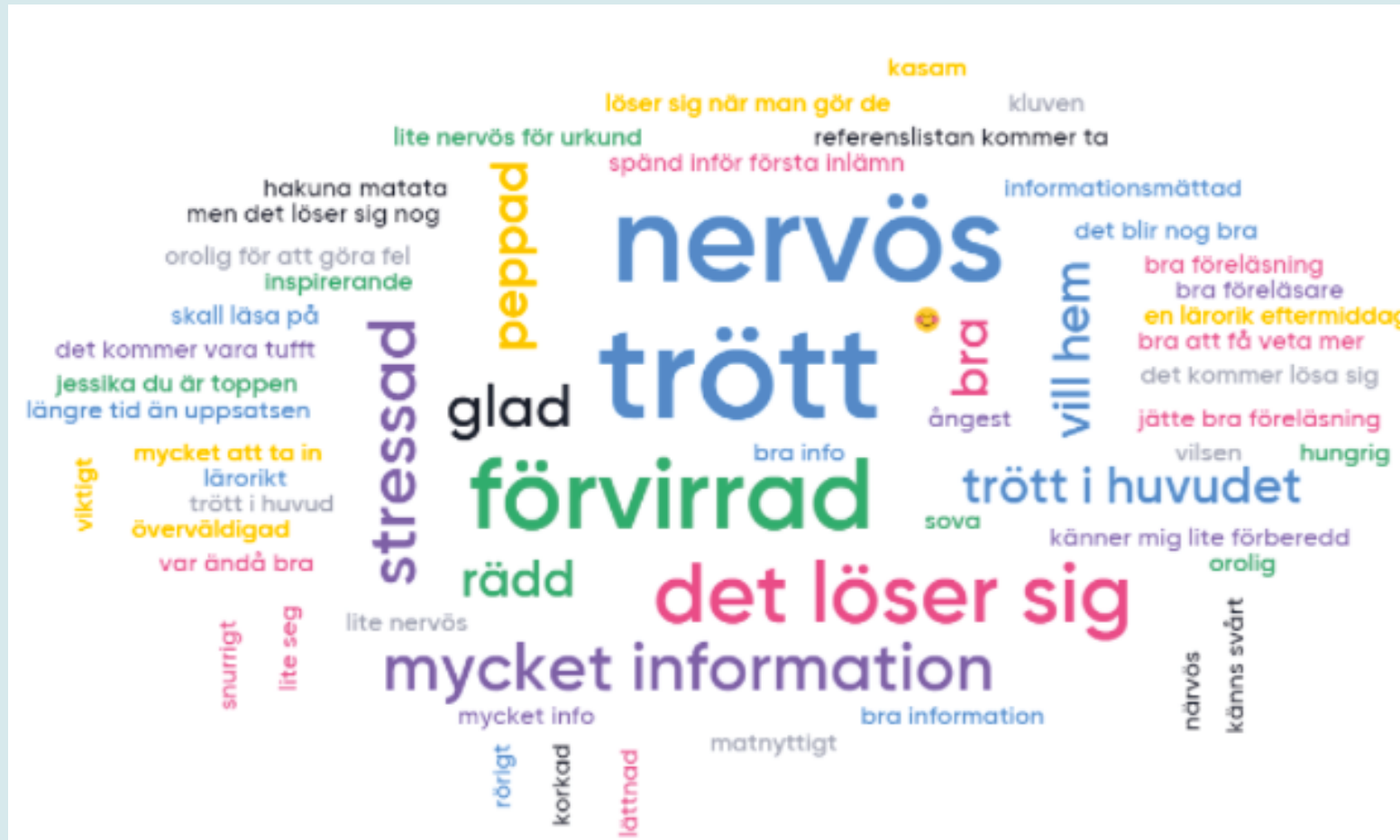
THE ADULT LEARNING THORY - ANDRAGOGY

- Know their course content, their tasks
- Find the students where they are
- Use their strengths and willingness to learn
- Create a safe learning environment
- Make them do things
- Stand beside them
- Let them fail and succeed
- Give them feedback!
- How you talk to and with the students

METHODS FOR ACTIVATING STUDENTS

- ALC
- Mentimeter
- Chat
- A lot of time for questions
- More conversation, less talk!

THE STUDENTS' POINT OF DEPARTURE



HOW WOULD YOU ASSESS YOUR KNOWLEDGE IN INFORMATION SEEKING BEFORE YOU STARTED COLLEGE?





More Details

● Høga	4
● Medium	15
● Låga	23
● Inga alls	6



HOW WOULD YOU ASSESS YOUR KNOWLEDGE IN INFORMATION SEEKING NOW THAT YOU HAVE STUDIE FOR A WHILE?

More Details

 Høga	8
 Medium	38
 Låga	2
 Inga alls	0



SO, WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE REPORT WRITING?

- In spring 2020, 90 students out of 120 passed their first attempt on writing the paper
- In spring 2021, 80 students out of 120 passed their first attempt on writing the paper
- Better results thanks to the efforts?
- Time spent v results
- Know your students!



QUESTIONS?

Thanks for listening!

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On the last slides, you will find some of the references I've used throughout the process.





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