# MOBILE LIBRARIES OF THE FUTURE: FROM DEVICE TO USER

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# ABOUT RENISON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

- A federated college with U of Waterloo.
- Founded at 1959.
- Specialized in ELI, Applied Language Studies, SDS, Social Work, EAS, Studies in Islam and Religious Studies.
- Online and In-class enrollment: 1,000 students.
- Faculty/Staff: 104.





## **RENISON AT UW**













# WHY ADVOCATE MOBILE TECHNOLOGY AT RENISON?

- Accessibility of audience.
- Instant delivery and updates.
- Affordable/portable.
- Novelty of gadget/ display.
- Supports those with special needs.







### STARTING FROM SCAN: QR CODE

- QR is short for Quick Response.
- Two-dimensional code which can store over 5000 characters of text information.







### **HOW DOES IT WORKS**

- Information can be accessed by using a mobile device with reader software to scan a QR code image.
- QR code can store many types of information including
  - Video
  - Audio
  - Text
  - Web link
  - Contact Information
  - · Geographic location
- Popular free QR readers include QR reader & Neoreader.

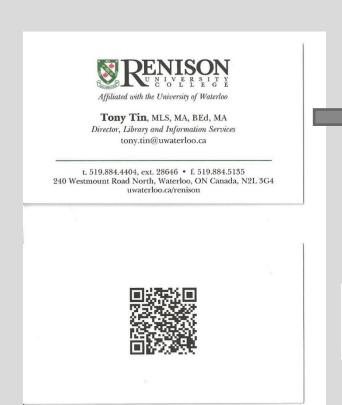




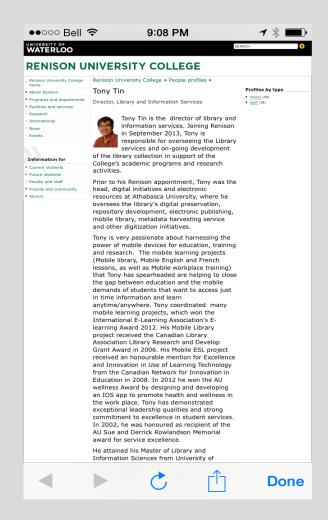


# CREATIVE USE OF QR:

### **BUSINESS CARD**







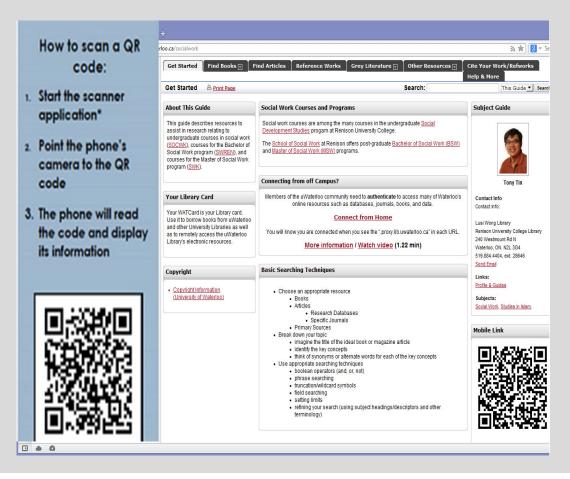




### CREATIVE USE OF QR CODE:

### LIBGUIDE

#### **Desktop Version**



#### Mobile Version

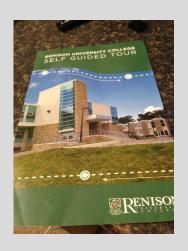






# OTHER USE ...









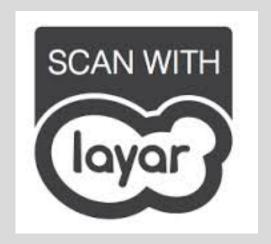




# AUGMENTED REALITY (AR)



AR is a live, direct or indirect, view of a physical, real-world environment whose elements are augmented by computergenerated sensory input such as sound, video, or graphics.







# TO TOUCH: NEAR FIELD COMMUNICATION (NFC)

A set of standards for smartphones and similar devices to establish radio communication with each other by touching them together







# NFC SMARTBOOK: TOUCH TO READ

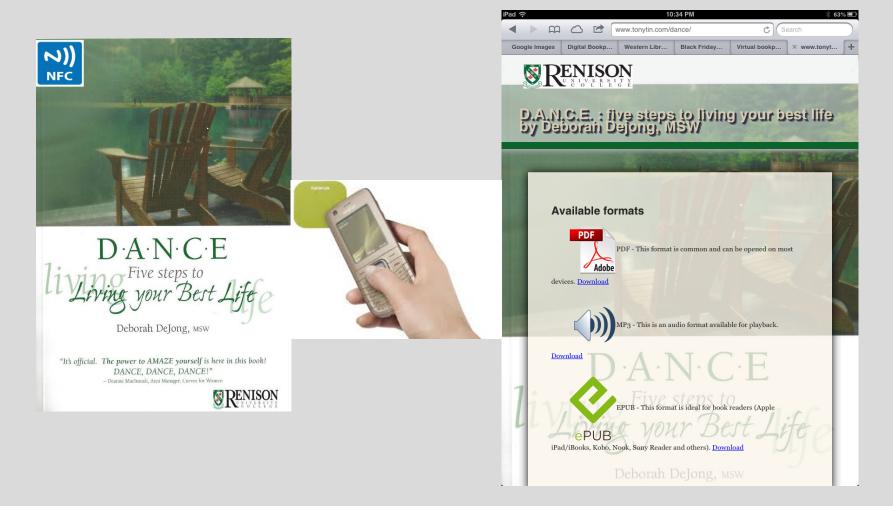








# FEATURING NFC SMARTBOOK TECHNOLOGY







### **MOBILE QI GONG APP**



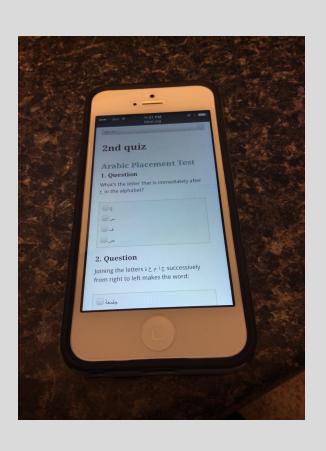
- Partnership with the Canadian Chinese Health Qi gong Organization & School of Social Work
- Explore the use of mobile technology as a tool for delivering health and wellness information.
- Reminding and teaching of simple Qi Gong exercises that can be done anytime and anywhere.
- https://itunes.apple.com/us/ app/mobileqigong/ id858352805?ls=1&mt=8

Demo





# MOBILE ARABIC LANGUAGE EVALUATION TOOLS



- Allow students to practice interactive language lessons on their own time, with their own devices.
- Utilize m-learning pedagogy with interactive lessons, audio exercises and quizzes.
- Incorporate OpenBadges





#### MOBILE INFORMATION LITERACY

**Information Literacy:** recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and effectively use the needed information

**Mobile Information Literacy:** incorporates technology into the learning process

American Library Association.

Presidential Committee on Information Literacy. Final

Report. (Chicago: American Library Association, 1989.)





### **OUR MOBILE PROJECT**

Over 20 videos currently (LINC).

Expand beyond videos with activities.

Reinforce lessons learned.

Demo





#### **CHALLENGES**

- Defining content
  - Define the amount and type of information
- Design of the format
  - Normal website vs. mobile version
  - text, images, graphics, tables, location
  - different file types (pdf, flv)
- Display models
  - different display model and stylesheet
- Different standards, data networks, and operating systems
- Language compatibility
- Bandwidth





### FINAL REMARKS

• It's not about devices, but capabilities.

 It's not about technology, but user experience.





#### FINAL REMARKS

It's not about knowledge, but imagination.

Limitations live only in our minds. But if we use our imaginations, our possibilities become limitless.

Henry Ford





## THANK YOU



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