

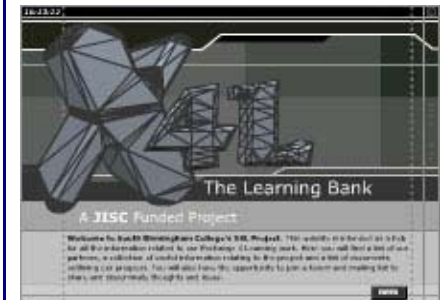
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## Exchange for Learning – The Learning Bank

One of the unit’s most extensive projects is ‘The Learning Bank’, which is part of the ‘Exchange for Learning’ (X4L) initiative funded by the JISC.

The project will involve working with the University of Central England and the College of Food, Tourism and Creative Studies in the curriculum areas of Business Management and Law, Study Skills and Hospitality and Catering.



The Learning Bank has a dedicated web site containing more detailed information about the X4L project and any dissemination events that will be taking place.



<http://www.sbc.ac.uk/thelearningbank>

The project began in June 2002 and it will continue to be a prominent piece of work until June 2005. The X4L project aims to enable the sharing of electronic learning materials by re-purposing and re-packaging existing and newly developed electronic learning content. The materials will be converted into sharable learning objects by using standards laid down for content packaging and metadata (SCORM). The electronic learning materials will then be made available to the education sector through national repositories.

The project is currently at the stage of reviewing existing content that is available from the partners of the project and other organisations such as the JISC collections. The reworking and repackaging of existing materials from areas such as study skills has also already begun. The objects created will be trialled and tested in their delivery with specific target groups.

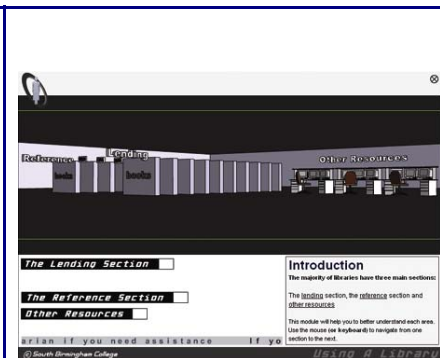
This project will continue the unit’s work on e-learning and developing important standards in the areas of interoperability, packaging, copyright and accessibility. []

## Study Skills - Library Module

As part of the X4L, Learning Bank Project the Unit has begun developing engaging new learning materials for the area of study skills. The electronic, interactive library will help students develop their research skills and will conform to the standards set out as part of X4L.

The computer-based resource will enable students to explore different areas of a virtual library, while also acquiring skills to assist them in their studies, in an informative and visually stimulating way.

The library is currently being developed by the Unit and has already been through initial trials with students and tutors from SBC. []



A screen shot of the study skills library module