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**Abstract:** In Spring 2017, our library started to transform how it designs and implements its virtual and physical services iteratively through user and staff engagement and service design thinking. Service design is a user-focused technique that involves understanding and planning for user needs, service touchpoints, and employee and user workflows. This presentation will use a case study to illustrate how we integrated user needs, current and future library services, and technology in the redesign of a web application and the service offering. Attendees will learn the basics of how to create a service blueprint.

## Helpful Links

#### More info about our collaboration with brightspot

- brightspot strategy: <a href="https://www.brightspotstrategy.com/">https://www.brightspotstrategy.com/</a>
- Presentation given at 2018 Designing for Digital conference: <a href="http://bit.ly/SDTF-D4D2018">http://bit.ly/SDTF-D4D2018</a>
- Presentation given at 2017 CNI Membership Meeting: <a href="http://bit.ly/SDTF-CNI2017">http://bit.ly/SDTF-CNI2017</a>

#### **Service Design Resources**

- Service Innovation Handbook, by Lucy Kimbell: https://serviceinnovationhandbook.org/
- Library Service Design: A LITA Guide to Holistic Assessment, Insight, and Improvement, by Joe J. Marquez and Annie Downey
- Service Design 101: <a href="https://www.nngroup.com/articles/service-design-101/">https://www.nngroup.com/articles/service-design-101/</a>

#### **Service Blueprint Resources**

- Service Blueprints: Definition: <a href="https://www.nngroup.com/articles/service-blueprints-definition/">https://www.nngroup.com/articles/service-blueprints-definition/</a>
- Service Blueprints Communicating the Design of Services:
  <a href="https://www.interaction-design.org/literature/article/service-blueprints-communicating-the-design-of-services">https://www.interaction-design.org/literature/article/service-blueprints-communicating-the-design-of-services</a>

#### **Agile Resources**

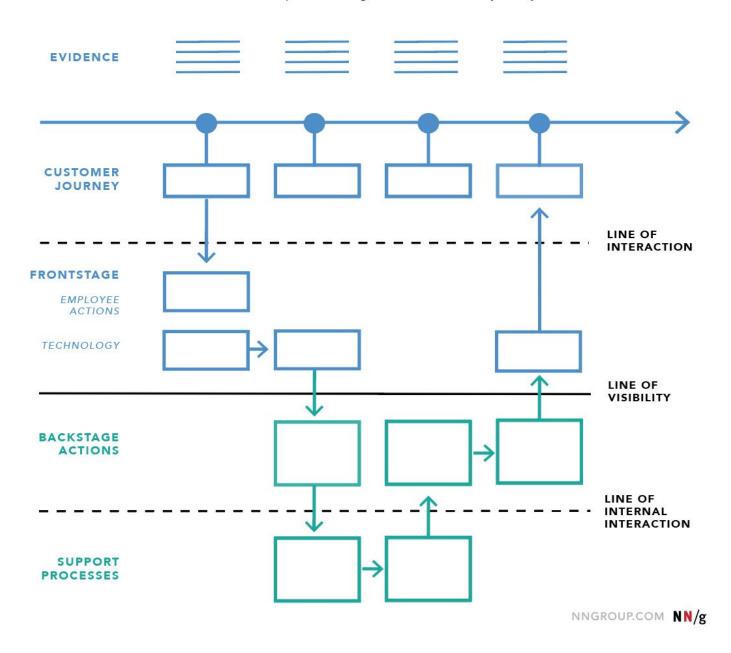
- The Agile Manifesto: http://agilemanifesto.org
- Overview of Agile: <a href="https://www.atlassian.com/agile">https://www.atlassian.com/agile</a>
- Epics, Stories, Tasks: https://www.atlassian.com/agile/project-management/epics-stories-themes

#### Online Tools to help with Diagramming

- Mural: https://mural.co/
- Google Sheets (for asynchronous online spreadsheets): https://www.google.com/sheets/about/

### **SERVICE BLUEPRINT 101**

A diagram that visualizes the relationships between different service components (people, props, and processes) that are directly tied to the touchpoints throughout the customer's journey.



From: https://www.nngroup.com/articles/service-blueprints-definition/