1. **Get a Passport?** Several digital badge grantors have dropped the smaller, less popular services in favor of other larger, more portable services. *One popular service is Mozilla’s Backpack system*. **Example:** Here’s a college library that has dropped Passport in favor of another option and their LibGuide for using it. (See full document at <http://libguides.richlandcollege.edu/libraryclasses>)



Pdf docs to instruct users to start their own Mozilla Backpack

Four different badges available, from Richland College library,
with the final badge being proof of earning all three prior.
(*Notice the unique shape for the mastery-level badge.)*

1. **Why OpenBadges?** *It is not proprietary and is already known/trusted by many users
(i.e. Firefox).*



Highly portable, and Self-Managed once badges are earned/accepted.

Free and Open.
ANY organization may use it.

1. **Once a Person Earns Badges:** Backpack users are pretty much set “forever” like having a Yahoo! or Google account. It is portable to all jobs, schools and so forth. Once a badge is given, the onus is on the recipient, much like certificates have always been.



I may have earned many badges over a long period,
but I can put them into Collections (note center of header). **Collections allow grouping.** *For example, Work badges could be one group, and College badges could be another and so on.*

Then **I can make them public** by checking the box.

This **could be put on professional sites** like LinkedIn and in my e-portfolio or online resume.

1. **Anyone can give badges and set up criterion.** That means, if we have a SkillsUSA club, Kevin Ruby (as Advisor) could make a badge for members, one for officers and so forth. Meanwhile, as an institution, we can have badges for a number of departments and gateways to success, making our high-touch system visible to students and gamifying the process of becoming a strong student by offering a variety of ways for winning badges.

**The next document *MSUN In-House Digital Badges*** is a school-wide example of how badges could be used here at MSUN **followed by a final document** for ideas of how badges may be used by an ***Instructor-Awarded Digital Badges*** within a course.