



Information Literacy

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This pathfinder will be useful in finding information about Information Literacy, which is “a set of abilities requiring individuals to ‘recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate and use effectively the needed information’”. It spans primary education through adulthood.

For an introduction to the topic, see:

- *Information Literacy: Learning How to Learn...*, Varlejs, Jana, ed., McFarland & Col, 1991

Key Resources at a Glance:

- *Information Literacy* [microform], demonstrates search strategies, tools & resources. Published by ERIC Clearinghouse for Community Colleges, 1998.
- *Information Literacy Instruction: Theory and Practice*, Grassian, Esther and Kaplowitz, 2001. An in-depth discussion of both the theory and practice of library instruction. Covers the history and background of user education in libraries...plus visions of the future...
- *ALA.org – Characteristics of Programs of Information Literacy that Illustrate Best Practices*. A guide to setting up the most successful programs.

Reference Background

- *A Library Advocate's Guide to Building Information Literate Communities*, American Library Association, Library Advocacy Now! Action Pack 2001.
- *Information Literacy Instruction: Theory and Practice*, Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2001

Resources

Books

- *First Year Student Library Instruction Programs*, College Library Information Packet, 2003
- *Information Literacy Instruction for Educators: Professional Knowledge for an Information Age*, Haworth Information Press, 2003.
- *Learning to Learn: a Guide to Becoming Information Literate*, Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2002

Search Aids

Search Terms

(Use for computer searches)

- Information Literacy
- Education, literacy

Subject Headings

(Use in card catalogs and print indexes)

- Literacy, information
- Information Science--Literacy

Call Number

- 028.7 (Dewey Decimal)
- LB1632. (Library of Congress)

Indexes and Abstracts

- EBSCOhost
- FirstSearch
- Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature

Library catalogs

- Your library's catalog
- SILO – State-wide Catalog
- WorldCat – World-wide Catalog

- *Teaching Information Literacy: 35 Practical, Standards-based Exercises for College Students*, American Library Association, 2003
- *Teaching Information Literacy Concepts: Activities and Frameworks from the Field*, Library Instruction Publications, 2001
- *Web of Deception: Misinformation on the Internet*, CyberAge Books, 2002
- *Working with Faculty to Design Undergraduate Information Literacy Programs: a How-to-Do-It Manual for Librarians*, Neal Schuman, 1999

Journals

- *Knowledge Quest*
- *Library Journal*
- *Educational Theory*

Magazine Articles

- “They Can’t Always Find What They Want”, *School Library Journal* (Aug. 2004)
- “Leveraging Our CUTTING-EDGE Library Tools and Resources”, *MultiMedia & Internet@Schools* (Sep/Oct 2004)

Web Pages and Web Portals

- Building Information Literacy
www.edu.pe.ca/bil/
- Understanding Information Literacy
www.libraryinstruction.com/infolit.html
- National Forum on Information Literacy
www.infolit.org/

** You can evaluate other resources using criteria at: www.THEpathfinderproject.org/evaluate.html **

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