



Information Literacy Competencies

Johnston Memorial Library
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The information literate person can:

- ❖ Understand the basic organization of the library and the increasing quantity of information.
- ❖ Identify various resources and different formats.
- ❖ Navigate the wealth of information available.



The information literate person can:

- ❖ Identify the information needed.
- ❖ Select appropriate keywords and subject terms.
- ❖ Determine the type of information needed such as popular v. scholarly, current v. historical, etc.



The information literate person can:

- ❖ Develop search strategies.
 - ❖ Identify the type of sources needed, such as books, articles, etc.
 - ❖ Select appropriate reference sources.
 - ❖ Check the availability of resources.



The information literate person can:

- ❖ Evaluate the information content.
 - ❖ Analyze sources for quality, relevance, timeliness, and authority.



The information literate person can:

- ❖ Apply information appropriately in the research.
- ❖ Integrate information resources into academic discussion.
- ❖ Cite information sources accurately.