How to Teach the Information Literacy 1 Learning Outcome

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 (2-3pm)
Thursday, August 6, 2020 (1-2pm)
Or: How to Partner With Your Librarian To Get Resources And Support While Teaching the Information Literacy 1 Learning Outcome
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A librarian is paired with each Learning Foundations and Learning Explorations section.

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The CSB/SJU Libraries Learning and Research Librarians Team
Your Librarian

Check our Research Appointments page to find out which librarian will be working with your class.
Session Outline

1. What is Information Literacy?
2. Info Lit in the Integrations Curriculum
3. Overview of Libraries’ new Info Lit 1 Canvas modules
4. Next Steps → Discussion and Q&A
What is Information Literacy?
CSB/SJU’s new Integrations Curriculum describes information literacy as the ability to “identify, evaluate, and responsibly use information.”

Many academic librarians define information literacy as “the set of integrated abilities encompassing the reflective discovery of information, the understanding of how information is produced and valued, and the use of information in creating new knowledge and participating ethically in communities of learning.”
The “Frames” for Our Learning Outcomes

The CSB/SJU Libraries and Instructional Technology Learning Outcomes for CSB/SJU Students is based on the ACRL Framework.

The Six Information Literacy Frames

- Authority is Constructed and Contextual
- Information Creation is a Process
- Information has Value
- Research as Inquiry
- Searching as Strategic Exploration
- Scholarship as Conversation
Why is Information Literacy Important?

We live in an information-rich world that’s full of complexity and competing claims.

Helping CSB/SJU students develop increasingly nuanced information literacy skills will help them succeed academically, in their future careers, and throughout their lives as discerning consumers, sharers, and creators of information.
"Information Literacy lies at the core of lifelong learning. It empowers people in all walks of life to seek, evaluate, use and create information effectively to achieve their personal, social, occupational and educational goals."

UNESCO’s 2005 Alexander Proclamation
Information Literacy in the Integrations Curriculum
The Librarian’s Role in Learning Foundations

**Required Elements for the Writing Foundations Course**

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1. A common reading for all Writing Foundations courses
2. Embedding student attendance at Fine Arts event in the course
3. Introduction of the Integrated Portfolio
4. **Instruction by a research librarian on information literacy**
5. Students must attend at least one session with Writing Center tutors
6. Students will write three formal essays of increasing length and complexity during the course.
7. Use of peer and faculty feedback as part of the revision process for the three formal papers.

Source: [Learning Foundations Course Development Teaching Guidelines](https://www.example.com/teaching_guidelines)
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**Note 1:** Incorporating the Info Lit 1 Canvas modules is not a curricular requirement.

**Note 2:** If you use the Canvas modules, they are meant to complement and support, rather than replace, this in-class instruction.

Source: [Learning Foundations Course Development Teaching Guidelines](#)
Mapping the Learning Goals

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"Integrations Curriculum: Engaged Learning in the Liberal Arts & Sciences" (updated 1/13/2020; p. 16): [https://www.csbsju.edu/integrations-curriculum/faculty-resources](https://www.csbsju.edu/integrations-curriculum/faculty-resources)
Outcomes for the Info Lit Learning Goal

**Beginner (Information Literacy 1):** Students access appropriate information through common search strategies. They cite sources appropriately and articulate the value of accurate citations. Their papers are free of plagiarism.

**Intermediate (Information Literacy 2):** Students locate relevant information using well-designed search strategies, evaluate and use appropriate and multiple resources, and articulate why using information has many ethical and legal implications.

**Advanced (Information Literacy 3):** Students use well-designed search strategies to find information, evaluate and use appropriate and diverse resources, and follow the ethical and legal standards for their discipline.

“Integrations Curriculum: Engaged Learning in the Liberal Arts & Sciences” (updated 1/13/2020; Section 4): https://www.csbsju.edu/integrations-curriculum/faculty-resources
# Info Lit Assessment in Portfolium

## INFORMATION LITERACY

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Source: “Learning Foundations Rubric” document available at [https://www.csbsju.edu/integrations-curriculum/faculty-resources/draft-course-proposal-forms](https://www.csbsju.edu/integrations-curriculum/faculty-resources/draft-course-proposal-forms)
The Info Lit 1 Canvas Modules
Rationale for These Modules

• Consistency: Students all receive the same foundational information
• “Flipped classroom” approach = Better in-class librarian instruction
  • Basic definitions and “teaching the tool” covered outside of class
  • Librarian sessions can better address student questions, be more hands-on, and focus on higher-level concepts
• Better integration with other course content on Canvas
• Built-in assessment (quizzes at the end of each module)
• Students can refer back to these materials as needed
• Easier to intentionally scaffold content for Info Lit 2 and upper-level courses
Getting Access

Option 1:
To **view** the modules, ask to be added as a Student to our Canvas course.

Option 2:
To **use** the modules, add your librarian as a TA to your Canvas course. We’ll import the Info Lit 1 modules and work with you to tailor them for your specific course needs.
The Six Modules

Info Lit 1 content is currently broken up into six modules:

1. Library Orientation
2. Developing a Topic
3. Understanding Source Types
4. Searching a Database
5. Evaluating Sources
6. Citing Sources
Module Quizzes

Each module ends with a brief quiz to assess student comprehension.

Please consider assigning points for completing 1) each of the quizzes or 2) a short activity that relates to the module content.
Next Steps
Partnering with Your Librarian

1. Share course details (topic, Info Lit 1 assignment plans, syllabus, etc.)
2. Schedule your library instruction session(s); set session goals
   Note: Our default method of instruction for 2020-2021 is via Zoom
3. Canvas: Add librarian in a TA role; import Info Lit 1 modules
4. Discuss any smaller info lit activities and assignments
5. Option to refer students for library research consultations
Syllabus Statement

I encourage you to use the CSB/SJU Libraries’ resources and services throughout the semester. [Librarian name (email address)] is the librarian working with our class. [He/she/they] can help you find, evaluate, and cite credible, college-level sources. Email [her] your questions or schedule a Zoom meeting with [her] by using the “Research Appointment” button on the library homepage (www.csbsju.edu/libraries).
Ties to the Common Reading?

Resources on some of the common reading’s info lit themes:

- Confirmation Bias and Database Searching
- Confirmation Bias
- The “Check Your Bias” section at the bottom of our draft “Evaluating Sources” guide
Media Assignments

The Libraries and Instructional Technology collaborate on digital and media literacy course assignments. Reach out if you’re interested in developing a video, audio, data visualization, or 3D printing project for your class.

A list of some of the projects that might be best-suited to a block hybrid model is available here.
Discussion

• Course development: Where are you in revamping things for a block hybrid environment?
• What Libraries support would help you the most this coming semester?
• Questions or suggestions about what we’ve covered?
• What topics are you and your students exploring?
• What Info Lit 1 assignments are each of you planning? (How many of you are doing annotated bibliographies?)
• Initial response to Info Lit 1 modules?
Questions?