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# Higher Education Definitions

Association of Academic and Research Libraries (ACRL)

The ACRL Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education (The Framework)

“Information literacy is 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 (ACRL, 3).”

Threshold Concepts:

Authority is Constructed & Contextual

Information Creation as Process

Information has Value

Research as Inquiry

Scholarship as Conversation

Searching as Strategic Exploration



# SUNY and Local Definitions

General Education Requirements and Assessment

SUNY Student Learning Outcomes

Information Management Competency

perform the basic operations of personal computer use;

understand and use basic research techniques; and

locate, evaluate and synthesize information from a variety of sources

GEP100 & ENG112

“Academic Planning Seminar” or FYE Course

Introductory Composition Course

# Library Anxiety and the Need for Collaboration

Constance Melon (1986) coined phrase “library anxiety” and has been cited in related research over 600 times

- Get them in the library & on the website
- Help them feel more comfortable
- Help them know it is good to ask questions

<https://www.slideshare.net/ShahiraKhair/library-anxiety-66609131>

## LIBRARY ANXIETY SELF DIAGNOSTIC TEST

### DO YOU EXPERIENCE FEELINGS OF

- STRESS OR DREAD WHEN STARTING LIBRARY RESEARCH?
- FEAR WHEN APPROACHING LIBRARY STAFF FOR HELP?
- ANXIETY OR CONFUSION IN THE LIBRARY'S PHYSICAL AND ELECTRONIC SPACES?



### DID YOU KNOW:



3 IN 4  
STUDENTS  
ARE AFFLICTED

### WE CAN HELP!

#### BENEFIT FROM OUR EXPERIENCE

BOOK AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR SUBJECT LIBRARIAN TODAY AND RECEIVE ASSISTANCE FINDING, SELECTING, AND INTERPRETING THE INFORMATION YOU NEED!



TEXTUAL  
RESOURCES



DATA &  
STATISTICS



SUBJECT  
DATABASES

NO MATTER THE NEED, WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!



Bright ideas at the library!

Visit your Library for more information!

<http://biblio.uottawa.ca/>





# GEP100 New Model

Three major benefits:

- 1) Peer mentors needed something on which to base their grades.
- 2) Allowed new first year students to ease into the library experience.
- 3) Peer mentors developed a better understanding of the library.



# ENG112 Information Literacy - Take 1

Three session format:

- 10 minutes in their classroom to outline search strategies and to introduce the concept of the TRAP Method (assign worksheet “Using Non-Scholarly Sources to Generate Search Terms”)
- 10 minutes in their classroom to discuss the application of the TRAP Method (review first worksheet one and assign worksheet “Searching and Researching”)
- 50 minutes in the library to search the databases and review the importance of citation

Assessment materials for us, per student, per section:

1 brainstorm activity  
+3 source evaluations  
+1 works cited page  
÷ 2 librarians  
Too much!



# ENG112 Information Literacy - Take 2

Still a three session format

- 15 minutes in their classroom focusing on friendly introductions and the importance of search terms (assign worksheet “Using Non-Scholarly Sources to Generate Search Terms”)
- 50 minutes in the library to search the databases and review the TRAP method
- 10 to 15 minutes in their classroom to discuss the importance of citation and answer any lingering questions (creating an online alternative)

Assessment materials for us, per student, per section:

1 brainstorm activity  
+1 source evaluation  
+1 works cited (or preferably annotated bibliography)  
÷ 2 librarians  
Success!



# General Education Assessment Committee

- Laura joined in January, 2017; Jennifer joined January, 2018

Criteria	Exceeding	Meeting	Approaching	Not Meeting
<b>Determine appropriate search terms to represent a topic</b>	Effectively defines the scope of the research question or thesis. Effectively determines key concepts. Types of information (sources) selected directly relate to concepts or answer research question.	Defines the scope of the research question or thesis completely. Can determine key concepts. Types of information (sources) selected relate to concepts or answer research question.	Defines the scope of the research question or thesis incompletely (parts are missing, remains too broad or too narrow, etc.). Can determine key concepts. Types of information (sources selected partially relate to concepts or answer research question.	Has difficulty defining the scope of research question or thesis. Has difficulty determining key concepts. Types of information (sources) selected do not relate to concepts or answer research question.

7 criteria

4 categories

# TRAP module



## 1. WELCOME! START HERE

1. Welcome! Start Here ▶

2. T is for Timeliness ▶

3. R is for Relevance ▶

4. A is for Authority ▶

5. P is for Purpose ▶

6. Bringing it All Together ▶

Get Help/About ▶

### It's a Trap!

*Improve your credibility by critically evaluating sources with the TRAP method*

### Before You Start: About This Module

This learning module will help you find good sources of information when you do your research. By the time you have completed it, you will:

- Know what the TRAP method is
- Know how to use the step-by-step TRAP method to evaluate a source for timeliness, relevance, authority, and purpose.

It should take you about 15 minutes to complete.

### Getting Started: About the TRAP Method

TIMELINESS	RELEVANCE	AUTHORITY	PURPOSE
When was this published?	Does this discuss at least part my topic?	Who is the author?	Is the source peer-reviewed?
Has it ever been updated?	Does this allow me to build on the topic?	Does the source tell me about the author?	What is the purpose?
Do I need up-to-date information?	Does this provide a point I can disprove?	Is the author qualified?	Is the purpose stated clearly?
Would an older source be better?	Is my topic still important in the field?	Where did the author get their information?	Who is the intended audience?



# Future iterations/hopes



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# Q & A

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