



Library Research Tips

Information Literacy Explained

Students at NAIT have access to a huge range of print and electronic resources. It's essential to develop strong skills in researching and evaluating information sources to succeed at NAIT and stay current in your field. Information Literacy (IL) skills will help you to become an independent lifelong learner able to navigate information overload.

Information literacy is defined by the *American Library Association* as a set of abilities or competencies that students acquire to "recognize when information is needed...locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information" (Association for College and Research Libraries <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/standards/informationliteracycompetency.cfm>).

Upon completion of your program, you will have had opportunities to develop the following information literacy skills:

- Determine the nature and extent of the information you need.
- Research information effectively and efficiently.
- Critically evaluate the information and its sources.
- Use and communicate the information effectively to complete a specific purpose.
- Describe the economic, legal and social issues surrounding the use of information, and use the information ethically and legally.

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