Digital Literacy

**Literacy Today:**
- 21st century literacy is the set of abilities and skills where aural, visual and digital literacy overlap
- Includes the ability to understand the power of images and sounds, to recognize and use that power, to manipulate and transform digital media, to distribute them pervasively, and to easily adapt them to new forms

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**An information literate person**
- Recognizes the need for information
- Recognizes that accurate and complete information is the basis for intelligent decision-making
- Identifies potential sources of information
- Develops successful search strategies
- Accesses sources of information including computer-based and other technologies
- Evaluates, organizes, and integrates information for practical application
- Uses information in critical thinking and problem-solving

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A digital literate person

- Finds, uses, and shares information;
- Locates and uses consumer and workforce development resources;
- Connects with people in a safe social environment.

(https://libraries.idaho.gov/page/digital-literacy)

Why is Digital Literacy Important?

Computers have provided a new medium for literacy (reading and writing). [Today] .... information can be conveniently and quickly accessed and facilitates the collaboration and sharing of knowledge.... an increasing reliance on digital modes of communication. Word processing is now the standard for writing and there has been a global uptake of email and usage of the World Wide Web.

In addition sites like Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, all speak to digital literacy leading to greater global participation in literacy.....The computer has become a part of global business and the education culture, to this end digital literacy has a direct effect on a country’s economy. ‘...digital literacy is so closely connected to the traditional association of literacy and democratic rights, as well as to more specific notions of e-government.’

(Dobson & Willinsky, 2009) and (Plunkett, Digital Literacy http://cleach.wordpress.com/why-is-digital-literacy-important/ [accessed 05/18/2012])

When accessing information on the Internet the following tips enable the user to identify whether or not the content is REAL:

R ead the URL
E xamine Content
A sk about Author
L ook at the Links

More Resources for Digital Literacy:

Reading/Blogs:

David Lankes – Beyond the Bullet Points: Libraries are Obsolete:
http://quartz.syr.edu/blog/?p=1567

David Lankes – Empowering Voices; Transforming Libraries Part 1
http://quartz.syr.edu/blog/?p=1375 ~ Empowering Voices; Transforming Libraries Part 2
http://quartz.syr.edu/blog/?p=1376


Literacy, Languages, and Leadership:

New Mexico State University: http://education.nmsu.edu/projects/dima/why-digital-literacy-is-.html

Presentation by Fe Angela Verzosa http://www.slideshare.net/verzosaf/information-literacy-and-digital-literacy-l-life-long-learning-initiatives/

Provides an overview of information literacies, including digital literacies and the intersection with Web 2.0 technologies.

What is Digital Literacy? http://cleach.wordpress.com/what-is-digital-literacy/

Videos:

Digital Literacy in Google Generation:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_XqRR5WJ85k

Why Digital Literacy Matters: http://vimeo.com/28089249

Curriculum Resources:

Common Sense Media Toolkits: http://www.commonsensemedia.org/educators/toolkits


Shirley’s Pinterist Bookmarks: http://pinterest.com/shirlib/digital-literacy-resources/
Digital Inclusion

Digital Inclusion … in the 21st century … ensures individuals and disadvantaged groups have access to, and skills to use, Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) … benefit[ting] from …. [the] growing knowledge and information society……

(Washington State University: http://dgss.wsu.edu/di/overview/index.html ~ accessed 05/18/2012)

Resources

Print / Blogs:
- e-democracy: http://forums.e-democracy.org/
- Accessibility Browser Tools: http://www.w3.org/WAI/RC/tools/complete
  - Building Digital Communities: Getting Started http://www.imls.gov/assets/1/AssetManager/BuildingDigitalCommunities.pdf

Video
- World in 2021: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fy67UKx4QAU

Conferences:
- Internet Librarian: http://www.infotoday.com/il2012/
- American Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends, and Foundations: http://www.ala.org/altaff/events_conferences/events
- Electronic Resources & Libraries (March 17-20, 2013 Austin, TX) http://www.electroniclibrarian.com/
Digital Citizenship

Thinking critically and making informed choices about how living and treating others in today’s digital world.

**A digital citizen**

- Guards their privacy and protects their reputation
- Thinks before they post
- Assumes everyone is watching
- Balances their life
- Chooses wisely
- Is trustworthy and responsible
- Discerns fact from fiction

**Resources**

- **Digital Citizenship**: http://www.digitalcitizenship.net/
- **Net Literacy**: http://www.netliteracy.org/safe-connects/
- **Elements of Digital Citizenship**: http://www.digitalcitizenship.net/Nine_Elements.html
- **Rights and Roles**: http://www.nisd.net/digitalcitizen/
- **Parents’ Guides**: http://www.commonsensemedia.org/advice-for-parents/digital-citizenship
- **Be a Digital Citizen**: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FdEXijFXfD8
- **21 Things for Students**: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FdEXijFXfD8

**Internet Safety**

- **Internet Safety and Etiquette**: http://www.gcflearnfree.org/internetsafety
- **Safety Tips**: http://www.digitalliteracy.gov/resource/tips-smart-video-games
- **Passwords 101**: http://www.digitalliteracy.gov/resource/passwords-101
- **Internet Safety for Kids**: http://www.gcflearnfree.org/internetsafetyforkids
- **Online Safety for Mobile Devices**: http://forgirls.girlscouts.org/
- **Google Digital Literacy Tour**: http://www.google.com/educators/digitalliteracy.html