LOW HANGING FRUIT

tips and tools from your school library

LINKS TO MORE LEARNING

Information Literacy Awareness Month

EVALUATING SOURCES

School Library Media: Information Literacy. A collection of books, lesson plan ideas, and external resources for building your knowledge of information literacy and how to teach these critical skills.
https://libguides.nova.edu/c.php?g=988656&p=7151636

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

Use it in the classroom!
Newton South Library's Information Literacy Resources for Educators. Use the tools from this resource alongside your other instructional materials to incorporate information literacy in your classroom.
https://nshslibrary.newton.k12.ma.us/c.php?g=594497&p=4112491
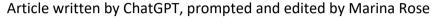
DIGITAL TOOLS

NEXTGEN
INFORMATION LITERACY

NextGen InfoLit is an updated, meaningful way to teach information literacy based on *Developing Digital Detectives* by Jennifer LaGarde and Darren Hudgens. Learn more at https://libraries.idaho.gov/school-libraries/nextgen/

The Power of Information Literacy: Navigating the Digital Age

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In an era where information flows ceaselessly through the digital channels of the internet, information literacy has become an indispensable skill. Information literacy is the ability to access, evaluate, and effectively use information from various sources. It is a skillset that empowers individuals to make informed decisions, engage critically with content, and navigate the complexities of the digital age.

Accessing information is easier than ever before, but the sheer volume of information available can be overwhelming. Information literacy equips individuals with the tools to discern credible sources from unreliable ones. With feeds and search results rife with fake news and misinformation, this skill is crucial for making accurate judgments and avoiding the spread of falsehoods.

Evaluating information is another essential aspect of information literacy. It involves assessing the relevance, reliability, and accuracy of the information at hand. Critical thinking skills are honed in the process, enabling individuals to recognize bias, detect logical fallacies, and analyze data effectively.

In the school setting, information literacy fosters independent learning and research skills. Students with strong information literacy skills are better prepared for success in school and beyond, as they can navigate a vast sea of information with confidence and purpose.

Information literacy is a vital skill in the modern world. It empowers individuals to sift through the digital noise, make informed decisions, and contribute meaningfully to society. As information continues to evolve, and inaccurate information becomes more difficult to identify, information literacy skills will be key to thriving in the digital age.

> "Google can bring you back, you know, 100,000 answers. A librarian can bring you back the Right one."
> -Neil Gaiman

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