Information Literacy
WNCC Library
Student Success Workshop

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Hi! This is a session on Information Literacy.

You’re probably thinking, what is Information Literacy?

It is being able to find academically appropriate sources or resources for research.

Or more specifically........ "Information Literacy lies in 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. It is a basic human right in a digital world and promotes social inclusion of all nations." (UNESCO 2005)
So where do I find sources or resources........

Sources can found about anywhere but the information you need should be academically appropriate:

*meaning reliable, accurate and best for college students

Sources can be online or in print, e-books, books, articles, web sites, films and more.
The MOST important part is YOU need to evaluate the sources to make sure they are appropriate to use.
- **Evaluated** academic sources or resources are available from the WNCC Library or the WNCC Library web page.

- You can use the library research databases to find articles and other sources of credible information.

- You might ask, “Can’t I just google a web site?” Well, it depends on the website.
When you have an assignment, you always want sources or resources, especially websites, that are accurate, unbiased, and credible to back up what you write.

You know, anyone can put information on the world wide web, so caution is advised.
What is a Research Guide??????

- A research guide gathers the library's best resources for a subject in one place. For students, this provides an easy way to access the resources for a particular class. For example, if you have a research paper in Psychology and are wondering where to start your research, visit our Psychology Research Guide where you will find relevant databases, reference titles, videos, and more.

- Library research databases really help you to find evaluated articles that instructors would want you to use.

- Your librarians have also created Research Guides for many subjects to help you get started in finding good resources for your topic. No matter what your pathway is, these guides can help. They are located on the WNCC Library homepage.

- [http://libguides.wncc.edu/library](http://libguides.wncc.edu/library)
Access to Research Guides can be found under Quick Links or the tab at the top of the page. A Research Guide gathers the library’s best resources for a subject in one place.

On each guide you will also have access to a citation guide for help with your bibliographies or works cited pages of your paper, as well as a plagiarism guide!
Once you find an appropriate article or other source to use, you must give the author credit by citing that source in your assignment.

By doing this, you’re saying this is the work or quote from another.

It’s considered plagiarism or cheating to use someone else’s ideas and say they are yours.

Citing all your sources prevents that.
▪ Your instructor may prefer one style over another Ex: APA or MLA

▪ These styles may require you to use the author’s name, the title of the source, date and publisher.

▪ So where can you get help understanding all of this......

▪ We Librarians are very helpful explaining how to use the research databases and where to find these databases as well as how to cite the resources you find.
The Library is a great place to come in and ask questions, look for sources, and study.

The Library is accessible online 24/7 at:
http://libguides.wncc.edu/library

If you need to talk with a Librarian, you can contact us by chat, email, phone and text. The databases are available (off campus) with your portal login and password. There are even eBooks available for checkout!!!!!

Our hours are:

Scottsbluff Library Hours
Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
• Tips on using the WNCC Library web page........

• Discovery Service (our one stop shop)
  – If you want to search all our resource areas, print books, eBooks, and databases, this is where you would start.
  – For more information, click on the Help tab, top right, and view the many options available in the Discovery Service.
- In the center of the Library webpage, you will also see the Library Announcements, check it out!!!!

- You will have access to Flipster, our digital magazine collection. Just click the Flipster icon and you will be able to view our titles. Again, when you click the top right Help button, you will have more information about this digital newsstand.
When you look at the WNCC Library homepage, you will see our Contact information. Please feel free to access us via,

- Email... library@wncc.edu
- Phone... 308-635-6068
- Text... 308-225-5015
- Or you can chat with us!
- If you call, message us, or text when we are out, we will get back to you as soon as we can.
There is an accessibility tab at the top of the WNCC Library homepage to make content accessible, primarily for people with disabilities but also for all user agents.

- **Accessibility Links**
  - Alexander Street Press Accessibility Statement
  - Britannica Online Accessibility Information
  - Country Watch Compliance Statement
  - EBSCO Interfaces Accessibility Information
  - JSTOR Accessibility Policies
  - Flipster
• Quick Links
  • Hours and Locations
  • Library Catalog
  • Research Guides
  • Interlibrary Loan
  • Tutorials
  • Other Libraries
  • Have a suggestion?

• On the top left of the page, you will have access to Quick Links which are all self-explanatory.

• This is also where you can access the online Library catalog. Simply click on Library Catalog. (Please ignore “Log Into your Account” This feature is disabled for our students.)
- Simply key in your search terms in the search box. You can search by title, keyword, subject, or author.

- Once you type in your subject search, a list of titles will be displayed.

- You can choose from books, eBooks, and DVD’s. After you click the title, you will want to check the location of the item, the call number, and status (available or checked out.)
The WNCC Library uses the Library of Congress system to manage our collection, so our collection is grouped by subject. The call number gives you the exact location of the material you are interested in.
There are also online tutorials to help with questions when a Librarian is not available.

After clicking on tutorials, you will see tabs at the top of the page.

By clicking on the tabs, you will be able to determine which area you might find additional help. Ex: Searching the Library Catalog
▪ You will have access to other local libraries’ websites, by clicking on Other Libraries in the Quick Links box.

▪ You will also have access to Interlibrary Loan. This service is free of charge to all WNCC students.

▪ And access to Worldcat, which searches the holdings of most libraries.
At the bottom left of the Library homepage, you will be able to view some of our top databases.

Or you can access all of the databases at “Databases A – Z”

This is a list of our current databases with a short description of the specialty of each database.
Top Databases:

What is *Academic Search Complete*?

This database is designed for academic institutions, and is a leading resource for scholarly research. It supports high-level research in the key areas of academic study by providing journals, periodicals, reports, books and more.

For additional help with this database, use the Help button at the top right of the page.
▪ When using Academic Search Complete, you will want to use the limiter (checkmark) under Limit your results in the Full Text box.

▪ If you are using only peer reviewed or scholarly journals, use a limiter there as well.

▪ Your instructor will determine if you will need peer reviewed journals.

▪ There are also other areas to use limiters, published date, publication type, and others
What are peer reviewed or scholarly journals?

- They are articles written by someone knowledgeable in their field, and before they can be published, they are evaluated by other qualified members of the profession.

- These articles maintain standards of high quality and credibility.
Once you put in a search term and begin your search, several articles will be available.

To read the abstract of the article you are interested in, drag your cursor to the magnifying glass and the abstract will be displayed.

If you are interested in the article, click the title, then click PDF or HTML Full Text.

Either will give you the full text of the article, but PDF will also display any pictures or graphs.
Once you have the article pulled up, (under Tools) you will have the option to print, e-mail, share, or save the article to your desktop, flashdrive, or to a folder.

- Clicking on the cite icon, will give you the citation information for this article in many different formats. It is always recommended to talk with your instructor about the format of the citation for any of your papers.
If you are interested in using a personal folder in Academic Search Complete, click the folder icon at the top of the page and create a new account.

Here you will be able to save your articles, organize them, share with others, and view others folders.

You will also be able to create a note in the article, as needed for your paper.
▪ Also listed under Tools, is permalink.
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▪ Some instructors want a permalink in their works cited or bibliography pages.
▪ This is a current hyperlink to a web page.
▪ Click on permalink, and this can be copied and pasted into your bibliography.
▪ There is also a tutorial on permalinks on the Library homepage, under Quick Links, then tutorials, then Library tutorials.
▪ This gives you an overview of Academic Search Complete.

▪ There are many other databases for all WNCC students to use.

▪ Remember, if you are off campus, many databases can be accessed by using your portal login and password.

▪ If you have any questions, stop by, call, or text the Library for information.

▪ Thanks for viewing this presentation.
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• Your instructors would like you to use Library databases for term papers.
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• The Library has a chat service for students to use while away from the library.
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• Information Literacy is not the core for Life Long Learning.
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• The Library shares announcements on their webpage.
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▪ QUIZ Continued……
▪ There is a Citation Research guide for students to refer to.
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▪ The Library does not have an Accessibility tab on their webpage
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▪ The Library participates in Interlibrary Loan
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▪ Help buttons are not available in the databases to give additional information.
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▪ Students can create their own folders in Academic Search Complete.
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Answers

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