

Table 1

*Information Literacy Skills, The Process of Acquiring Them*

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1. The Need to Access Information Begins

Information is needed

Search the Internet

Define the problem to be solved

2. Locate Information/Knowledge

Formulate research questions or statements to support a hypothesis

Learn how knowledge is structured and how to access it successfully

Determine the best methods for finding solutions with relevant databases, keywords, and

Boolean search techniques

Access databases with peer-reviewed articles or online catalogs and interlibrary loan

Decipher difference between popular and scholarly publications, current vs. historic documents, and primary and secondary sources

Acquire knowledge on the topic studied

Begin to process knowledge

3. The Value and Relevance of the Knowledge is Determined

Determine what will be used from what appears to be limitless sources of material

Evaluate and analyze sources, read accessed material, synthesize results

4. The Knowledge Located is Organized

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Organize sources into a form that can be used.

Determine the bibliographic format to use, if writing a paper.

Discuss plagiarism

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5. The Knowledge Located is Put to Use

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Create the final product.