

The Five Steps of an Information Literacy Model

***Information Literacy:* The ability to know when there is a need for information, to be able to identify, locate, evaluate, and effectively use that information for the issue or problem at hand.**

1. Pre-search:

Define the need for information

Relate the current problem to prior knowledge

Organize to search

2. Search:

a. Identify potential resources

b. Identify most useful resources

c. Search for relevant information in resources

3. Interpret:

a. Refine and organize information

b. Analyze information retrieved

4. Apply

a. Use information for intended purpose

5. Evaluate

For successful research, students need appropriate materials, including books they can read on a subject. Before assigning a topic, be sure to check resources available in the library.