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## SIGNIFICANT E-DOCUMENTS

IFLA: INFORMATION LITERACY SECTION. International Federal of Library Associations. October 2009.

The primary purpose of the Information Literacy Section is to foster international cooperation in the development of information literacy education in all types of libraries and information institutions. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

<http://www.ifla.org/en/information-literacy> [HTML format, various paging].

<http://www.ifla.org/en/publications/81> Publications Listing

UNDERSTANDING INFORMATION LITERACY: A PRIMER. U. N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Forest Woody Horton, Jr. 2008.

Explaining in an easy-to-understand, non-technical fashion to senior and middle level public and private sector executives – in government ministries, private enterprises, academic institutions, and not-for-profit organizations – how to find, retrieve, organize, evaluate and effectively use information is what the publication is all about. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0015/001570/157020e.pdf> [PDF format, 103 pages].

UNESCO: INFORMATION AND MEDIA LITERACY. U. N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. October 2009.

Information and media literacy enables people to interpret and make informed judgments as users of information and media, as well as to become skillful creators and producers of information and media messages in their own right. UNESCO’s mission in this area consists of fostering information and media literate societies by encouraging the development of national information and media literacy policies, including in education. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

[http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL\\_ID=15886&URL\\_DO=DO\\_TOPIC&URL\\_SECTION=201.html](http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=15886&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html) [HTML format, various paging].

HEALTH INFORMATION LITERACY. Medical Library Association. October 2009.

The website provides resources relating to information literacy in the health field.

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[http://www.mlanet.org/resources/healthlit/lit\\_resources.html](http://www.mlanet.org/resources/healthlit/lit_resources.html) [HTML format with links].

HEALTH LITERACY. Medline Plus, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. October 2009.

Health literacy is the ability to understand health information and to use that information to make good decisions about your health and medical care. Health information can overwhelm even people with advanced literacy skills. About one third of the adult population in the United States has limited health literacy.

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/healthliteracy.html> [HTML format with links].

<http://www.health.gov/communication/literacy/quickguide/factsbasic.htm> Health Literacy Basics

INFORMATION LITERACY. Association of College & Research Libraries. October 2009.

The Association of College & Research Libraries under the American Library Association website provides the overview of information literacy and links to resources and ideas.

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<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/issues/infolit/index.cfm> [HTML format with links].

INFORMATION LITERACY: ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR THE INFORMATION AGE. The Information School of the University of Washington. Michael B. Eisenberg. March 2008.

The paper offers an overview of Information Literacy (IL) focusing on three contexts for successful IL learning and teaching: (i) the information process itself, (ii) technology in context, and (iii) implementation through real needs in real situations. The author covers conceptual understandings of IL, the range of IL standards and models, technology within the IL framework, and practical strategies for effective IL skills learning and instruction in a range of situations.

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<http://publications.drdo.gov.in/ojs/index.php/djlit/article/viewFile/288/182> [PDF format, 9 pages].

NATIONAL INFORMATION LITERACY AWARENESS MONTH, 2009: BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: A PROCLAMATION. The White House. October 1, 2009.

President Obama declares October to be National Information Literacy Awareness Month. The proclamation was an initiative of the National Forum on Information Literacy supported by Senator Kerry and the late Senator Kennedy.

[http://www.whitehouse.gov/assets/documents/2009literacy\\_prc\\_rel.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/assets/documents/2009literacy_prc_rel.pdf) [PDF format, 1 page].

WHAT TODAY'S COLLEGE STUDENTS SAY ABOUT CONDUCTING RESEARCH IN THE DIGITAL AGE. Project Information Literacy Progress Report. Alison J. Head and Michael B. Eisenberg. 2009.

The report presents findings from college student discussion groups. Research will continue with a large-scale student survey. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

[http://www.projectinfolit.org/pdfs/PIL\\_ProgressReport\\_2\\_2009.pdf](http://www.projectinfolit.org/pdfs/PIL_ProgressReport_2_2009.pdf) [PDF format, 18 pages].

WIKIPEDIA & INFORMATION LITERACY. University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire. Eric Jennings. April 2009.

Wikipedia is a new generation research tool that many students utilize. It is often in the top 10 results in a Google search. Since students use Google a lot, often before they use a library's online catalog or one of its databases, Wikipedia has become a big part of student research. Because of this, some in higher education (librarians, professors, and administrators) discourage its use and/or ban it, according to the author. [Note: contains copyrighted material]. [http://www.wla.lib.wi.us/waal/conferences/2009/postconference/Wikipedia\\_information\\_literacy.pdf](http://www.wla.lib.wi.us/waal/conferences/2009/postconference/Wikipedia_information_literacy.pdf) [PDF format, 2 pages].

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