Information Literacy

I. What is it?
The ability to effectively assess and evaluate information for a given need.

II. Who is information literate?

III. Characteristics of information literacy

   A. An integrated set of skills and knowledge

      Skills: strategy
      Skills: evaluation

      Knowledge: of tools
      Knowledge: of resources

   B. Developed through Acquisition of Attitudes

      Persistence
      Attention to detail
      Caution in accepting single sources

   C. Time and Labor Intensive

   D. Need-Driven

   E. Distinct from but related to literacy and computer literacy

IV. Information Literacy is not only:

   A. Knowledge of sources

   B. Library-dependent

   C. Information finding

V. Why is IL important?

VI. Why are most people not information literate?

VII. Recommendations