# Information Literacy Handout

To help residential students and faculty prepare for potential online courses, the Seth Wilson Library at OCC has compiled a list of resources and helpful hints.

## Information: How to Get it

Here at the Seth Wilson Library, we like to ask two questions concerning information retrieval...

--*IF* *you can search for the PERFECT topic for a project, what would it be?*
--*SO*, *what's stopping you?*

These two questions can guide your information retrieval process by encouraging you to do the following:

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| **Identify** **your information need.** | **Seek** **resources** |
| **Formulate** **your research vernacular** | **Organize** **content** |
| ^^This identifies the "IF" (i.e., is this possible)^^ | ^^This identifies the "SO," (i.e. how you'll do it)^^ |

## Information: What to do with it

After retrieval comes the USE of said information.
Here are some helpful guides to help you in that process.
***Start by asking the question, "is this CRAP?"***

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| **Current**--**evaluate resources for currency** | **Authority**--**determine content creator's level of authority** |
| **Reliable**--**establish reliability of resources** | **Purpose**--**identify the intended purpose of the resource** |

If the resources you discover are lacking in any of these areas, it might be wise to continue your search for quality resources. Also, it is wise to utilize critical thinking skills when determining the currency, reliability, authority, and purpose of the items you are looking at. For help with this, click on each area above for a handy guide.

## Resources: Here's what we offer

Here are a list of library resources and guides on how to access each resource:

| STUDENT RESOURCES | FACULTY/STAFF RESOURCES |
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| MOBIUS print materials | SBL online transition guides |
| EBSCOHost online journals/Ebooks | Zondervan online textbook/lectures |
| JSTOR online journals/Ebooks | Copyright & Distance Ed transition guide |
| GALE online journals/Ebooks | GALE (faculty specific) prof development |
| INFObase online resources | Creedo (INFObase) information literacy |
| OVERDRIVE (Libby App)    digital Ebooks/audio books | College Press online commentaries |
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