

Information Literacy

What is information literacy?

Information literacy enables individuals to recognise when information is needed and to locate, evaluate and use information effectively. It is a prerequisite for life-long learning and underpins UTAS Graduate Attributes.

Information literate students are able to:

- Recognise a need for information
- Determine the extent of information needed
- Access information efficiently
- Critically evaluate information and its sources
- Classify, store, manipulate and redraft information
- Use information effectively to learn, create new knowledge, solve problems and make decisions
- Understand economic, legal, social and cultural issues in the use of information
- Access and use information ethically and legally.

How do we work together to develop information literate graduates?

The Library advocates the embedding of information literacy into the curriculum to Teaching & Learning Committees and Heads of School.

The Library and CALT work together to provide training and support to academic staff, in the area of information literacy.

Academic and Library staff work together to integrate information literacy objectives into course curriculum and unit outlines and content.

Academic and Library staff work together to evaluate the quality and effectiveness of information literacy programmes at UTAS.

www.utas.edu.au/library/about/infolit_policy.html

Contact Us

Morris Miller Library (Arts & , Business and Education)	6226 2229 6226 2227
Launceston Library	6324 3299 6324 3276
Science Library (Science, Engineering and Technology)	6226 7217 6226 2441
Law Library	6226 2841 6226 2063
Art Library	6226 4375 6226 4376
Music Library	6226 4375 6226 7325
Clinical Library	6226 4813
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From your Liaison Librarian



Your Liaison Librarian is:



Liaison Services to support Research

1. Consultation

Librarians are available for individual or group consultations. We can visit you in your office or lab or meet you in the Library - contact us to make an appointment. We provide training and assistance in finding information and using the many databases available via our website. We can also provide comprehensive (fee-based) literature searches.

2. Workshops in finding & managing information

Our formal training program includes:

- Introduction to the Library
- Finding and managing information for your research:
 - subject specific databases
 - tracing research with citation databases
 - using EndNote to manage your information

See our website for the schedule of workshops and to make a booking.

www.utas.edu.au/library/assist/tours_workshops.html

3. Staying Current

Keep up to date with new publications and information resources:

• Alert Services

Receive journal Tables of Contents, citation alerts or updates of saved searches. Ask us how to set up automatic email alerts or RSS feeds.

• Library News services:

- Library News blog
- email updates.

Liaison Services to support Teaching and Learning

1. We work with you to:

- Explore the role of the UTAS Information Literacy
- Policy in supporting teaching and learning
- Identify the discipline-specific information literacy skills needed by your students
- Develop information literacy programmes to address these needs
- Develop tools and support mechanisms to help embed information literacy in the curriculum
- Provide professional advice on Library and information issues to Faculty Teaching & Learning Committees

2. Direct your students to the Library website for:

- Subject guides
- Training and help
- Access to databases and electronic journals
- Library catalogue and items on eReserve



Liaison Services to support Collection Development

We work with you to ensure that Library collections support teaching and research in your subject area:

1. Reserve and eReserve

We can explain Library procedures for acquiring high demand required texts and required readings in print or electronic formats. For further information see www.utas.edu.au/library/cat/res_eres.html

2. Ordering information resources for the Library

Liaison Librarians can:

- Keep you informed of new publications in your field
- Assist you with new book orders
- Help you set up email or RSS alerts from book suppliers and publisher sites to notify you of new titles in your subject areas
- Provide details about the status of items on order
- Provide information about funding for Library collections.

3. Resources for new courses

We work with you to identify the information resource needs of proposed new units and courses.

4. Managing the collections

Liaison Librarians will work with you to ensure subject collections are current and relevant to your teaching and research.