

# **Using Web 2.0 to Promote Information Literacy in Public Libraries**

A Literature Review, Examples of Public  
Libraries Successes, and Suggestions for the  
Future

- The ALA states that “to be information literate, a person must be able to recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information.”

**What is Information  
Literacy?**

- In other words, we must know how to find information in it's physical form and – increasingly – online. Public libraries are an obvious educator when it comes to teaching us how to find information.

## Finding Information

- A Google search provides a variety of results: scholarly literature from Google Scholar, commercial websites, grey literature, individual social media sites, etc. Libraries can play a critical role in helping patrons to determine what's legit and what isn't.

## Evaluating Information

- How does one use, credit, and cite each of the various forms of information in existence?

Libraries can help us to figure this out. My paper will highlight how libraries are already doing this, via social media.

## Using Information

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- Well, that's it. If you have any sources (scholarly, blogs, websites, popular press) that you think I should use, send 'em my way! Post them in the comments to this blog or tweet them to @maggiehodgekwan.

- Thanks for viewing!

**That's all, folks!**