Libraries Pushing Boundaries

DEVELOPING CAPABLE CITIZENS

Information, digital and media literacy for active global citizenship.

The IATUL SIG IL Liberating Information Literacy Project: an update on work in progress

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Project aim: To discover, create and share global best practice in liberating information literacy.

The IATUL SIG IL Liberating Information Literacy (LIL) Project

Liberating information literacy emphasises a broadening of **information discovery** for the **active inclusion** of multiple perspectives. It discerns **information creation** as both process and product and seeks to achieve **information justice** by advocating for a broader range of approaches in knowledge production.

IATUL SIG IL working definition

What is Liberating Information Literacy?

Movements such as Black Lives Matter, groups including Indigenous communities, and other marginalised populations have advocated for the liberation and decolonisation of the library.

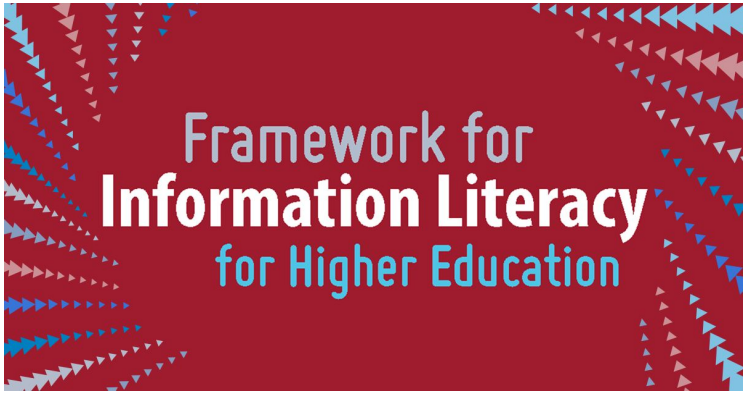
These groups have urged libraries to become more diverse and equitable, with an emphasis on ensuring that library resources and services are available to all regardless of their identity or background.

This brings Information Literacy centre stage.

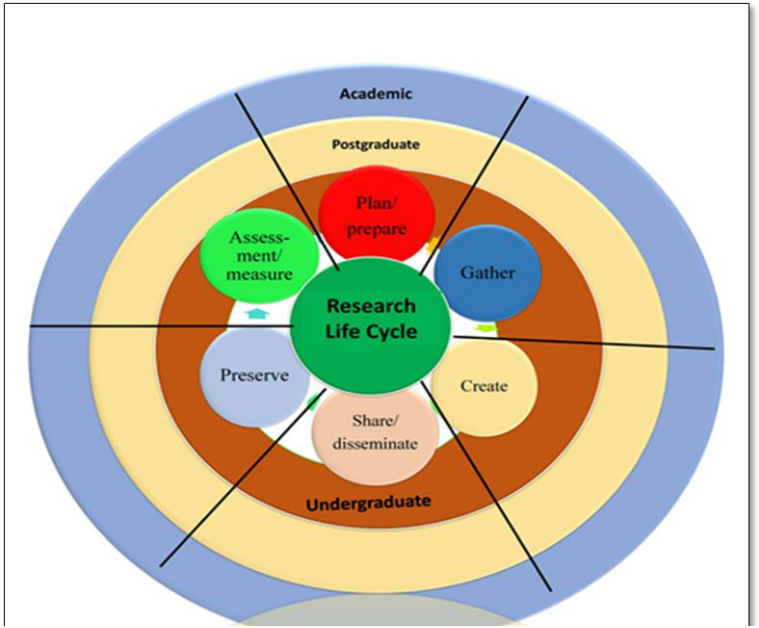
Why is Liberating Information Literacy our priority?

Information Literacy Frameworks

ACRL Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education



University of Cape Town Library Research Life Cycle Model



Digital and Media Literacy Frameworks

DQ Institute Digital Framework

UNESCO Five laws of media and information literacy

Appreciative Inquiry 4D model

Discover - Dream - Design - Deliver

The project is currently at the discover stage

Project methodology: Appreciative Inquiry

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Project dissemination plan: open educational resource

Interviews with thought leaders

- Please tell us about your interest in information literacy and social justice.
- What is your understanding of the term “liberating information literacy”?
- How can blending theory from digital and media literacy contribute to the movement towards information justice?
- What is the role of the IL librarian in liberating IL?
- Can you give us some examples from your own institution or elsewhere that are progressing the movement towards liberating IL?

Contribute to the movement to liberate information literacy
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