Credo InfoLit Modules:

What is Information Literacy?

October is National Information Literacy Awareness Month. Information literacy is the ability “to access, comprehend, evaluate, utilize, and communicate information. It involves thinking critically to apply information to the resolution of issues/problems in academic, personal, and community life” (Carroll Community College, 2017).

According to the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL), an information literate individual is able to:

- Determine the extent of the information needed
- Access the needed information effectively and efficiently
- Evaluate information and its sources critically
- Incorporate selected information into one’s knowledge base
- Use information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose
- Understand the economic, legal, and social issues surrounding the use of information, and access and use information ethically and legally (2016)

Information Literacy Quick Facts

- 62% of students report have difficulty narrowing their research topic
- 66% of students find choosing a research topic challenging
- 80% of students don’t ask a librarian for help
- 84% of students report having difficulty getting started with research
- 88% of students use search databases
- 82% of students use Wikipedia
- 61% of students have trouble filtering through irrelevant results

What is Credo *InfoLit* Modules?

*Credo InfoLit* Modules is an online tool “designed to give you a foundation in information literacy and critical thinking. Topics have been divided among six modules; each includes videos, tutorials, and quizzes” (Credo, 2017). The six modules are: Getting Started with Research, Sources of Information, Searching for Information, Presenting Research & Data, and Citations & Academic Integrity.

These modules are interactive and walk you through the research process step-by-step.

How Can I Use Credo?

The way Credo is designed, it allows the modules to be used in different ways:

- Supplemental information to the concepts you learn in class
- A refresher to quickly review a concept
- Learn something new in the research process – make sure you are hitting all the steps
- Test yourself – make sure you understand a topic
- Online research assistance – when the library is closed and you need help, Credo is a good place to start

Where Do I Find Credo?

*Credo InfoLit* Modules can be found on the Garrett College Library & Learning Commons “Available Databases” page: [https://garrettcollege.libguides.com/az.php](https://garrettcollege.libguides.com/az.php)

You can also find it at: [https://ezproxy.garrettcollege.edu/login?url=https://garrettcollege.credocourseware.com/courses/course-v1:Garrett-College+INFOLIT+2017/courseware/7676bee47abf481fbd9a09f2fd8d118e/3aef997817ec4a309a42abcc9e5c2bb8/](https://ezproxy.garrettcollege.edu/login?url=https://garrettcollege.credocourseware.com/courses/course-v1:Garrett-College+INFOLIT+2017/courseware/7676bee47abf481fbd9a09f2fd8d118e/3aef997817ec4a309a42abcc9e5c2bb8/)
If you have any questions about how to access or how to use Credo InfoLit Modules, please contact the Instructional Librarian at 301-387-3022 or reference@garrettcollege.edu.

References


