# Florida SouthWestern State College Libraries

Research Instruction & Collection Management Programs

### Information Literacy & Research Instruction

Information Literacy is the set of critical thinking and reasoning skills required to identify, locate, understand, evaluate, use, and create information. –Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education, Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL), 2000

FSW Faculty Librarians teach students how to become Information Literate via Research Instruction (formerly known as Bibliographic Instruction), and by answering Reference Questions (research-driven queries) at the Reference Desk.

## ACRL's Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education (2000)

**Standard 1:** Determine the type and extent of information needed

Standard 2: Effectively and efficiently access needed information

**Standard 3:** Critically evaluate information and its sources, and incorporate selected information into knowledge base and value system

**Standard 4:** Individually and collaboratively use information to accomplish a specific purpose

**Standard 5:** Understand the social, economic, ethical, and legal issues connected to accessing, using, and creating information

# ACRL Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education (2015)

- Research prompts students to ask increasingly complex questions, the answers to which open up additional lines of inquiry.
- Research requires students to cultivate "the mental flexibility to pursue alternate avenues as new understanding develops."
- Information resource selection reflects a student's capacity to think critically.
- Students increasingly play a greater role in creating new knowledge, in understanding the changing dynamics of the world of information, and in ethically using information as scholarship.
- Faculty have a greater responsibility (in the Digital Age) to incorporate information literacy into their curricula and assessments.

# Project Information Literacy: A National Study about College Students' Research Dispositions

- Surveying 13,000+ millennial students at over 60 public and private U.S. colleges and universities since 2008 to learn how today' students conceptualize, problematize, and use information for their courses and in their personal lives. PIL was launched by Dr. Alison Head, Associate Professor at the Information School, University of Washington.
- Most students use the same small set of resources regardless of their information need.
- 84% say getting started is the most difficult part of doing research.
- 80% don't ask librarians for help.
- 50% report feeling "nagging uncertainties" about the quality of their research.
- 12 adjectives students use to describe how they feel about research assignments: fear, angst, tired, dread, excited, anxious, annoyed, stressed, disgusted, intrigued, confused, and overwhelmed.

### **Project Information Literacy Continued**

"Finding and using information is exponentially more complex than it was a generation ago as the information landscape has shifted from one of [relative] scarcity to abundance and overload...the abundance of information technology devices and the proliferation of digital information resources have made conducting research paradoxical: information may be as limitless as the universe, yet defining and narrowing inquiries and finding relevant and accurate answers is one of the most difficult and frustrating challenges college students face today...[this] paradox affects almost everyone" (Head, 2013, p.p. 473-476).

Head, A.J. (2013, April 10-13). Project information literacy: What can be learned about the information seeking behavior of today's college students? Paper presented at the ACRL 2013 Annual Conference: Imagine, Innovate, Inspire. Indianapolis, IN.

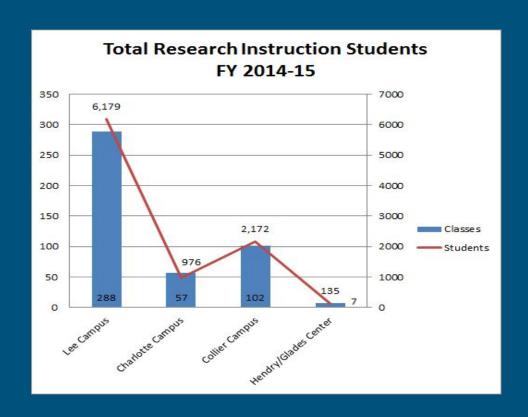
#### General Education & Information Literacy

- New FSW Gen Ed Competencies: 1 of the 8 is Information Literacy
- Research and examine academic and non-academic information, resources, and evidence. Understand how scholars across all academic disciplines investigate and speak to the human condition. Conduct in-depth, reflective, and ethical research about the dynamics of the human condition and the physical world in order to acquire information literacy, refine critical thinking and analytical skills, and sharpen intellectual focus. Effectively locate, interpret, manage, and use information and evidence from academic and non-academic sources in order to create original projects that engender meaningful learning in the classroom and beyond.

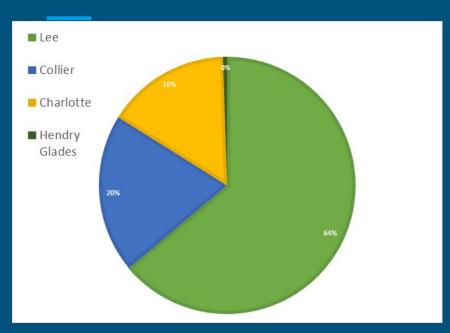
# The Learning Objectives of FSW Faculty Librarians are to Teach Students to:

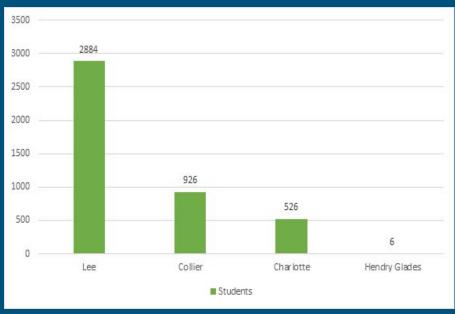
- Identify, define, and refine research needs
- Formulate research questions
- Construct search strategies using a variety of search methods and tools
- Identify and retrieve a wide array of credible information resources
- Evaluate information creators and content
- Responsibly use and create information
- Develop and hone critical thinking skills
- Engender truth-seeking dispositions
- Question Authority

#### Research Instruction 2014-2015



#### Research Instruction Fall 2015





Total Number of Research Instruction Sessions by Site

Total Number of Students Taught in Research Instruction Sessions by Site

#### Overview of Research Instruction Stats

#### Research Instruction

Year:	Students Taught	FSW FTE
2014/2015	9,462	4,475/4,265
Fall 2015	4,342	4,647

#### Reference Desk

Year:	Reference Transactions	FSW FTE
2014/2015	3,000+	4,475/4,265

#### FSW Faculty Librarians

- **Credentials:** 5/8 FSW Faculty Librarians have a second Master's Degree; 3/8 teach within a second discipline
- Instruction: Reference, Research Instruction, Workshops, LIS 2004
- Tutorials for Students and Faculty: Research Tutorial, Creating Effective Research Assignments, and Understanding Plagiarism
- Librarians Represent College-wide: Learning Assessment Committee, General Education Council, Curriculum Committee, etc.
- Librarians Represent Nationally: Presented at the Annual SACSCOC Meeting and the Annual American Library Association Conference; Presenting at the Annual First-Year Experience Conference; selected to the Association of College & Research Libraries' Immersion and Harvard Institute for Educational Management Programs

#### The Collection:

Location	Physical Title Count
Hendry Glades	1,737
Collier	7,632
Charlotte	8,897
Lee	39,178
District Total:	57,444

**eBooks:** 156,705

Databases: 100+

#### Collection Management

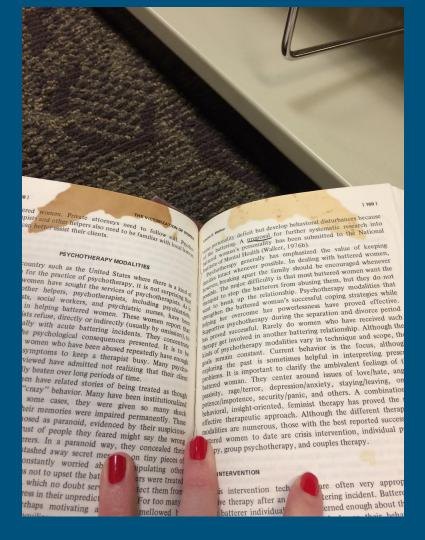
 deselecting and maintaining resources in the FSW Libraries

- Spring 2015 launched major Collection
   Management project
  - overhauled the Libraries' Collection Policy
     Manual
  - began deselecting materials from the collection ("weeding")

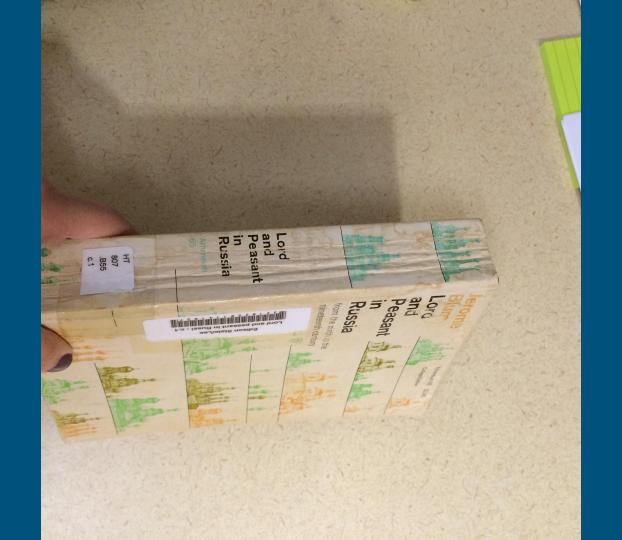


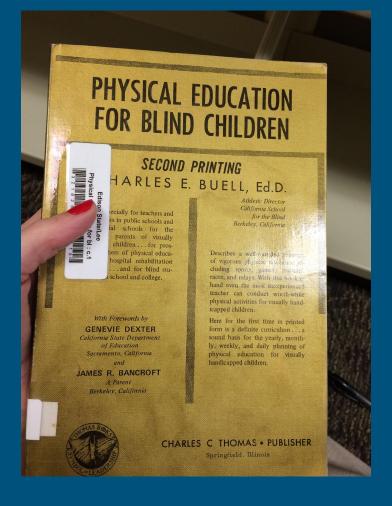
#### Deselection Criteria

- Physical condition (worn, stained, torn, etc.)
- Relevancy (both to the specific discipline and our college curricula)
- Age
- Duplication
- Superseded by new edition
- Circulation statistics (how many times has the title been checked out?)









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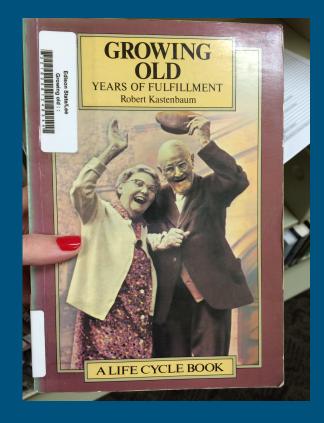
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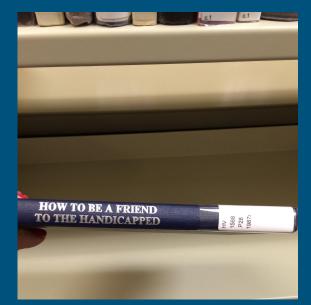
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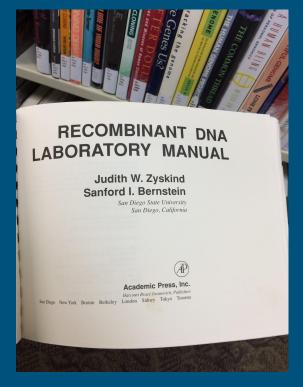
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### Collection Development

selecting materials for the collection

- Spring 2016 and beyond
  - program targeted collection development
    - collection mapping project (Fall 2015)
    - new programming→ impact to the Library→ Curriculum Committee

Collection Scope:	Business Administration and Management
Degree Offered	AS in Business Administration and Management
Program's Webpage	http://www.fsw.edu/academics/programs/asbusines
Accrediting Body	Southern Association of College and Schools
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Campuses offered	Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Online
Enrollment	2015-2016: 440 majors
Primary Users	Students enrolled in the AS Program in Business
	Administration and Management, faculty in the
	School of Business and Technology

LOC classification Range	Subclass	Title Count (2014-2015)
HB 172	Microeconomics	0
HB 615	Entrepreneurship	0
HD 62.7	Small Business Management	0
HF 5386, HF 5387-5387.5	Business Ethics, Personal Business Skills	31
HF 5410-5417.5	Marketing	61
HF 5548	Computer Apps for Business	0
HF 5601-5689	Accounting and Bookkeeping	23
HF 5691-5716	Business Mathematics	7
HF 5718	Business Communication	18
HG 4026	Management Principles	0
KF 889	Business Law	0

Level of Coverage: Books, E-Books, Reference Materials, Electronic Journals

Online

Databases: ABI Inform, Business (JSTOR), Business Collection (Gale), Business Full Text (EBSCO), Business Insights:

Essentials (Gale), Business Source Complete (EBSCO), Demographics Now (Gale), Global Road Warrior (World Trade Press), Hoover's Premium, Lexis-Nexis Academic, ProQuest Central (ProQuest), Small

Business Resource Center (ProQuest), Statistical Abstract of the U.S. (ProQuest), Taylor and Francis

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