

## ABSTRACT:

### INFORMATION LITERACY: FAD OR A SET OF NECESSARY SKILLS?

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Information culture or (as better known internationally) information literacy developed to meet the challenges caused by the rapid development of digital technologies, the proliferation of information sources and the growing information overload. Information literacy is an umbrella term of many literacies. It helps to handle verbal and non-verbal information available on the Web. When exercising information literacy we handle complex situations and follow patterns of behavior. An important constituent of information literacy is critical thinking. Information literacy is closely connected to lifelong learning and learner-centered education. Information literacy goes beyond the knowledge of information resources nonetheless libraries and librarians have to play an important role in fostering information literacy. To be able to do this, librarians themselves have to acquire information literacy competencies first. The growing popularity of information literacy may resemble some fad. However, there are respectable national frameworks of information literacy, there is a considerable literature dealing with its notion known since the 1980s.