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Faculty Members,

The USM Libraries once again look forward to working with you and your students. Information Literacy is a specific expectation of the NEASC accreditation process. We are ready to assist you, to develop assignments and to provide instruction for students to “go beyond Google.” We tailor our instruction to your needs; among the topics we often cover are:

- How to get started with research
- Evaluating websites
- How to use USM Library resources including databases in the libraries and at home
- Using the library website and web-based guides
- Plagiarism, copyright and citation style
- Key resources in your discipline

We have developed a menu of options for you to choose from:

- Schedule an instructional session using this online form. <http://library.usm.maine.edu/forms/libraryinstruction.php> Upon your request, one of us will speak with you and teach either one class period (typical), a series, or whatever you need.
- Precede the live class by having your students complete this online instruction. <http://usm.maine.libguides.com/infolitutorial> It covers the most basic elements involved in researching a topic, so our live instruction can be more focused on what you need.
- Use our online tutorials. <http://usm.maine.libguides.com/tutorials> Some are homegrown, while others come from other sources.
- Ask us to develop an online course guide based on your specifications. Note that our existing subject guides can serve as a good starting point for students. <http://usm.maine.libguides.com/usmguides>

We will work closely with you to develop instruction geared to complement and support your own teaching efforts. We will demonstrate that using the library resources will simplify each student’s academic life by quickly providing the scholarly information that faculty members require.

Our *Instructional Services* page <http://library.usm.maine.edu/services/infolit> will provide additional resources that you will find useful.

The Information Literacy Council (composed of faculty and librarians), supports and provides direction for the information literacy initiative. As part of this collaboration, USM Libraries stands ready to partner with you and your students. We are very flexible and will be happy to work with you in whatever ways best suit your desired outcome.

Please let us know how we can help you!

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