

Information Literacy Mission

In these early years of the twenty-first century, we are living through times of accelerated change. Our society faces the challenge of navigating the rapidly increasing volume of information available to us via equally swiftly developing technology. In order to successfully deal with this information-rich environment, in their current studies and in their future lives as independent lifelong learners, our students need to develop information literacy skills. The information literate individual has the ability to recognise when information is needed, to locate and critically evaluate that information, to use it effectively and to transfer these skills to any situation.

As part of an overall learning framework for information literacy, the University's Library Services will work in collaboration with academic staff and other agencies to guide students in identifying their needs, help them to find and collect data of all kinds using a range of media and technologies, and to evaluate the relevance, quality and authority of information in all its forms. Library Services will provide resources and services in an environment that encourages students to use, communicate and share findings in an ethical manner.

"London Metropolitan University transforms lives through education and research of quality, meets society's needs through our socially responsible agenda, and builds rewarding careers for our students, staff and partners."¹ Our vision for information literacy supports and enables this mission and will allow our students to make informed choices and direct their own learning. The value of information literacy reaches beyond the University towards the broader values of lifelong learning, employability and the development of a culture of active and informed citizenship based on the effective use of information.

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¹ Strategic Plan 2010-2013

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