

BEST PRACTICES IN LIBRARY INSTRUCTION FORUM

How Does Your Assessment Measure Up?

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Selected Best Practices of Information Literacy

What might be the benefits gained from the following best practices?

If _____, then _____.¹
(best practice) (benefit)

- The mission statement/goals of the information literacy program correspond with the mission statement/goals of the institution.
- Information literacy is integrated across the curriculum.
- Librarians collaborate with faculty in developing information literacy programs and services.
- Information literacy instruction encompasses critical thinking and reflection.
- Librarians receive ongoing professional development to enhance their teaching competencies.
- The library uses a variety of outreach activities to promote the information literacy program.
- The information literacy program provides services to the institution's distance learning students.

For more discussion of this technique, see: Rubin, Rhea. *Demonstrating Results: Using Outcome Measurement in Your Library*. ALA, 2006.

Best Practices adapted from: ALA, *Characteristics of Programs of Information Literacy that Illustrate Best Practices: A Guideline*.