

Module: Why Information Literacy?: Summary

Information Literacy (IL) – Definition

IL is a **life skill critical to deal with the complex challenges** of everyday life, and it helps you to make **informed decisions and lead a better quality of life.**

Profile of an Information Literate person

- Recognises the **need** for information;
- Recognises that **accurate and complete information** is the basis for intelligent decision making;
- Identifies potential **sources** of information;
- Develops successful **search** strategies;
- **Accesses** sources of information, including computer-based and other technologies;
- ❖ **Evaluates information;**
- ❖ **Organises information for practical application;**
- ❖ **Integrates new information into an existing body of knowledge,**
- ❖ **Uses information in critical thinking and problem solving.**

Competencies and Skills

NLB's IL Programme (S.U.R.E.) focuses on the 4 components of conducting research.



- **Source**
Look at its origins. Is it trustworthy?
 - Make sure that the source of information is credible and reliable.



- **Understand**
Know what you're reading. Search for clarity.
 - Look for facts rather than opinions.



- **Research**
Dig deeper. Go beyond the initial source.
 - Investigate thoroughly before making a conclusion, check and compare with multiple sources.



- **Evaluate**
Find the balance. Exercise fair judgement.
 - Look from different angles – there are at least two sides to a story.