Information Literacy Services

The instructional mission of the Mary and Jeff Bell Library is to create, promote and evaluate programs and services for the University community to help them:

- Identify and articulate information needs.
- Identify and select appropriate information sources.
- Develop and execute search strategies.
- Locate and retrieve information in a variety of formats from the global information environment.
- Analyze and critically evaluate information.
- Organize and synthesize information.
- Use, apply information.
- Understand public policy and the ethical issues relating to the access and use of information.

Students must be able to navigate the Bell Library and our print and electronic information resources. They should also be able to evaluate, analyze, and synthesize information to make conclusions and effectively communicate their findings. Instruction in this area takes many different forms:

- Library tours are available on request.
- Course-related instruction is taught in all disciplines on request.
- One-on-one instruction sessions occur at service points.
- Consultations with librarians are available through appointment for in-depth research assistance or curriculum development.