

IRLS 587: Information Seeking Behaviors

Requirements - Fall 2002

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Required Text: Case, Donald O. *Looking for Information: A Survey of Research on Information Seeking Needs and Behavior*. San Diego: Academic Press, 2002.

Deliverable # 1: Annotated Bibliography:

Compile an annotated bibliography, a list of annotated *references* for *pre-selected* Social Contexts of Information Seeking (select from list below). This is a group project. Peer review is a part of the grade.

Step 1: Select a Social Context of Information Behavior

1. Use the ISB – A Bibliography handout.
2. Select an article from each of the sections (6); The numbers in parentheses indicate how many citations are there in each section.
 - Information Needs, Uses and Contexts (10)
 - Conceptual Framework (12)
 - Study & Eval of Info. (20)
 - Information Channels (7)
 - Information Barriers (12)
 - Information Quality (10)

Sub-total = 6 articles
3. Select the type or phenomenon of information behavior you are interested in studying from the following list and find 4 research articles on this phenomenon:
 - Searching
 - Browsing
 - Encountering
 - Gatekeeping
 - Filtering
 - Sharing
 - Withholding
 - Processing
 - Learning

Sub-total = 4 articles

4. Select the user group/type of material you are interested in studying from the Bibliography section Information Use by Various Populations , and either select two articles about your selected group from the bibliography or find two new ones.

Sub-total = 2 articles

Grand Total = 12 articles

Step 2: Form a group and divide the tasks (reading, selecting, preparing annotations, html formatting)

Step 3: Prepare an Annotated Bibliography for the 12 articles (Case provides good examples; see also references below).

Step 4: Submit 1 report on disk (HTML file) and a paper copy.

Grading:

30 % of course grade

Annotations = 75%

Group work=15%

HTML formatting= 10 %

References:

1. Cornell University. How To Prepare an Annotated Bibliography. URL: <http://www.library.cornell.edu/okuref/research/skill28.htm>
2. University of Minnesota, Crookston Library. Writing an Annotated Bibliography. URL: <http://www.crk.umn.edu/library/links/annotate.htm>
3. University of Wisconsin-Madison. Academic Writing: Annotated Bibliography. In Writer's Handbook. URL: <http://www.wisc.edu/writing/Handbook/AnnotatedBibliography.html>

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