Library Canvas Modules

In 2018, your librarians participated in the Project ALAS (Aligning Learning and Academic Success) Grant through CSU Channel Islands. This brought us together with librarians from CSU Channel Islands, Moorpark College, and Oxnard College to collaborate on ways to improve student success. One outcome from that project was the idea of creating library and information literacy focused modules for Canvas that we could share and customize, then embed into our respective campus courses. Due to the LSP Project, we had a delay in beginning this new project; however, we are excited to announce that we have begun the first phase of integrating library modules into Canvas courses for English, Communication Studies, and Geology.

The modules are based on a design developed by librarians at CSU Channel Islands. We customized the content to support the course assignment(s) and based on feedback from the instructor. Below are examples of the piloted modules which can be found in the Canvas Commons (you may need to click on them twice to view them):

ENGL V01A Library Research
COMM V01 Library Research
Ventura College Library - Geology Research

We are looking forward to receiving feedback from students on these modules and developing more to support more faculty and courses. Depending on the content and assignments for courses, we can build individual Canvas pages on specific topics or full modules that cover a range of library resources and information literacy skills. We are also more than happy to serve as embedded librarians in courses if faculty would like to incorporate a discussion board or other library assignment.

Module Overview

Module Description:

In this learning module, students will learn how to navigate the library's website, use OneSearch to search for resources, be introduced to concepts on online searching and evaluating information, and use new knowledge to begin searching for resources on their own research topics.

Objectives:

By the end of this module you will be able to:

- Implement search strategies in order to locate materials through Ventura College Library's OneSearch.
- Conduct effective online searches.
- Use criteria for evaluating information.
- Know how to seek additional help from the library, if it is needed.

A big thank you to Chloe Branciforte, Jaclyn Walker, and Ben Bates for working with us in piloting these new modules!

If you have any questions or would like to discuss integrating library content into your course, please contact Kaela or Linda.
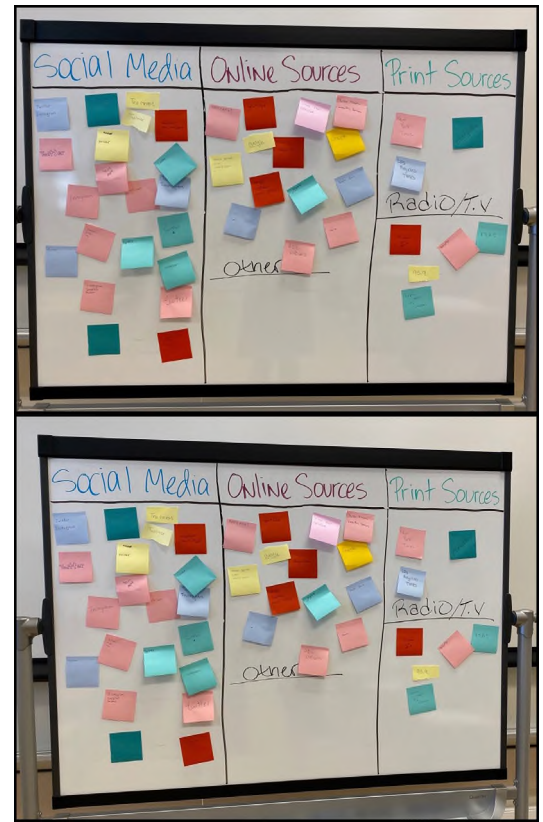
Information Evaluation Workshop

Students are bombarded by information on a daily basis through social media, websites, television, radio, and friends and family. We are all well aware of the spread of "fake news," disinformation, and misinformation, and we caution students to read critically and evaluate information before sharing or using it in their assignments.

Our Information Evaluation Workshop is designed to get students thinking about our current information environment, where and how they get their information, and what they can do to be more responsible and critical consumers of information. We are currently offering this as an in-person workshop and are in the process of adapting it for Canvas.

Thank you to Counselor Scott Brewer for prompting us to develop this workshop and helping to spread the word!

If you are interested in bringing your class in for a workshop, or are interested in piloting a Canvas module, please contact Kaela or Linda.

March is Women's History Month!

Check out our Women's History Month displays at the table near the Reference Desk and in the glass display cases near the librarian offices! All library books on display are available for check out, just ask a librarian to unlock the display case for you.

If you are interested in creating a display (with or without library materials), please contact Donna.

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