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Librarians and teachers have known for years that students, while they may be computer savvy, are not necessarily tech or information literate. The National Forum on Information Literacy defines information literacy as the ability to know when there is a need for information, to be able to identify, locate, evaluate, and effectively use that information for the issue or problem at hand. Researchers have found a large majority of high school and college students lacking in the skills needed to search electronic resources like subscription databases and the Internet. Many do not understand the difference between a database source and a Web site, nor do they use the critical thinking skills needed to evaluate a site for reliability, authenticity, and objectivity. The ability to use digital technology, communication tools, and networks appropriately to solve information problems is essential for students to function in an information society. In order for students to be successful and effective users of information in high school, college, and beyond, educators need to incorporate information literacy standards into their school curriculums.

We will present variety of resources that can be used to help develop an information literacy program in your school and explain what Homewood-Flossmoor High School has done to address information literacy issues. We will also offer some suggestions for incorporating these skills and strategies into your curriculum and classroom assignments.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about our presentation. You may also visit us on the Web at www.hfhighschool.org.