COMMUNITY COLLEGE ISSUES: HELPING STUDENTS DEAL WITH THE INFORMATION EXPLOSION

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The inspiration for the session came from my experience with students when it came to their (1) knowledge of where to find information to assist them in scanning their environment, as well as (2) how to use multiple information sources. I have found that students think everything is on the Internet and they are failing to look at other sources of information. They often become overwhelmed with information and have even more difficulty in discovering how to use what they have gathered.

In talking with my colleagues, I find that they are having a similar experience. Therefore I requested this session in hopes that we could share our ideas and come up with additional tools to assist our students with this very important activity. Several instructors have been contacted to bring their ideas and success stories to share at this session.