6 Degrees of Information Literacy:
How faculty, students, and administration are linked to (Kevin Bacon) –
wait, a librarian

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Thanks, Stanley & George

- Milgrim; “The Small World Experiment,” 1967
- Siemens, Connectivist learning theory, 2005-06
- Albright College

Siemens: “Social, collaborative, and connected with other activities and interests. Formal education, in contrast ... [is] artificial and structured” (2006).

“Learning is messy, chaotic”
Information Literacy

- A set of abilities requiring individuals to "recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information."
  

- Information literacy has been described as the core literacy of the 21st century and is included as a key component of 21st century skills

  (Garner, 2006, p. 68; Institute of Museum & Library Services, 2009; Gilchrist & Oakleaf, 2012)
An Information Literate Student can:

- **Determine** the extent of information needed
- **Access** the needed information effectively and efficiently
- **Evaluate** information and its sources critically
- **Incorporate** selected information into one’s knowledge base
- **Use** information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose
- **Understand** the economic, legal, and social issues surrounding the use of information, and access and use information ethically and legally.
## Library Instruction in the TLCs

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<th>Typical</th>
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<td>- Introduction, Tours</td>
<td>- Engaged, authentic tasks and assessment (formative and summative); personal</td>
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<td>- Faculty-driven</td>
<td>- Faculty, librarian, advisor, and student driven</td>
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<td>- Scavenger Hunts</td>
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<td>- One-shot sessions</td>
<td>- Repeat visits to library and class</td>
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<td>- Minimal prior knowledge, planning</td>
<td>- Project or problem-based learning</td>
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<td>- Limited communication or collaboration</td>
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<td>- Next contact...Senior year?</td>
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Faculty, Student, Librarian, Advisor, Mentor...

What role do you play?
“Crazy, Stupid, Love”

- Student and faculty success related to library resources and instruction
- Misperceptions
- Relationships
- LEaP and VALUE (Kuh, 2008): high-impact, personal growth and self-reflection, and what works in the right situation
- Value of Academic Libraries (Oakleaf, 2011): Set high standards, and...you never know who you might be connected to
“Where the Truth Lies”

- Unanswered questions
- Research and personal connection
- NSSE, CSSE, NCES
- End-of-course evaluations
- Self-report
- Formative/Summative assessment
- Tours, orientations, training
“Mystic River”

- What do we do?
- Other departments—advising, writing centers, career centers/placement, research, faculty/teaching centers, professional development, and mentoring
- Trust
- Relationships
- Support
“Apollo 13”

- Houston...
- Take a risk, but avert a crisis
- Practice, practice...
- Common goals
- Authentic assessment
- Explore new relationships
- Follow through
- Celebrate victories!
“The Big Picture”

- Make connections
- Anti-heroic, supporting characters
- Unconventional
- Ensemble
- Supporting role, director, or lead
- Virtual support
- Learning spaces
- Librarian: organizer, reviewer, fact-checker, aggregator, teacher, relationship-builder

Hayes (Taylor & Stamatoplos, 1999):

“Librarians must be granted the authority, responsibility, and time to develop the programs that will accommodate institution-wide curriculum needs, rather than merely responding to individual requests from those faculty who already recognize the importance of information research to their teaching.”
A Template for First-Year Seminars at IUPUI

Our Script

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http://research.uc.iupui.edu/EvaluationReports/FirstYearSeminars.aspx
QUIZ ANSWERS
Movie Years:

- *Mystic River* (2003)--3
- *Crazy, Stupid Love* (2011)--1
- *The Big Picture* (1989)--5
- *Where the Truth Lies* (2005)--2
- *Apollo 13* (1995)--4
Character Names

✓ Chip Diller (*Animal House*)
✓ Jerry McGuire—TOM CRUISE
✓ Jack Swigert (*Apollo 13*)
✓ Ren McCormack (*Footloose*)
✓ Sam Malone—TED DANSON
✓ Will Truman—ERIC MCCORMACK
✓ David Lindhagen (*Crazy, Stupid Love*)
For more Kevin & 6 Degrees:

http://www.sixdegrees.org/
http://oracleofbacon.org/
Resources

(Kevin Bacon) Image, slide 1:
http://tvtropes.org/pmwiki/pmwiki.php/Main/KevinBacon


