



February Letter from Andersen Library

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Information Creation As a Process

In the December newsletter we presented the first in a series of articles on the Library's adoption of the Assn. of College & Research Libraries' Information Literacy Framework. This month we'll examine frame two, **Information Creation as a Process**: *When information is created to communicate a message, the format and means of delivering the message are deliberate choices, and they reflect the research process.*

The questions librarians have crafted to help students understand this frame are:

- ♦ How do the authors' choices of format and delivery of their information affect how that information might be used and perceived?
- ♦ Which elements of the creation process (such as research methods, review processes, or time constraints) may be indicators of quality or accuracy?
- ♦ How are the various types of information products valued in different settings, such as academia or a workplace?

As a recap from the last newsletter, these six information literacy "frames" guide us in developing a deep understanding of how information is created, shared, and valued within specific contexts:

- Authority Is Constructed and Contextual
- Information Creation as a Process
- Information Has Value
- Research as Inquiry
- Scholarship as Conversation
- Searching as Strategic Exploration



Stay tuned for more frames in future Library newsletters.

Student Laptop Loans



The Library PC and Macbook laptops are always in high demand. The overnight laptops were always more popular than the 4 hour loaners. To keep pace with student needs, we have standardized the loan policy: all laptops are now available for overnight checkout.

Spring Library Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 7:30 am - 2:00 am	Sat. 10am - 6 pm
Fri. 7:30 am - 6:00 pm	Sun. 11am - 2 am

See <http://library.uww.edu/hours> for holiday & special hours

Welcome to New Library Staff



Theresa Ford has been the Evening Supervisor since 2013. She is enjoying her new responsibilities as the Interlibrary Loan Assistant and daylight working hours. If you look closely, you'll see that she sparkles in the sun.

Andy Kramer joins our team as the Access Services Librarian. Andy is a native of Lancaster County, PA and comes to us from Franklin & Marshall College, where she was a circulation supervisor at Martin Library. She has a BA in English from Millersville Univ. and an MLIS from the Univ. of Pittsburgh.



Naomi Schemm is excited to join Andersen library as the Reference & Instruction librarian to the College of Business and Economics. Originally from western Nebraska, Naomi received her MLIS from the Univ. of British Columbia in 2011 and comes to us from a reference librarian position at the Univ. of Central Oklahoma.

Scholarly Open Access Journals

Many faculty have used Jeffrey Beall's [Scholarly Open Access](#) blog (link is from Wayback Machine) to help verify the credibility of scholarly open-access journals. Beall, a librarian from Univ. of Colorado Denver, kept a list of "predatory" open access publishers that scholars relied upon to assess open-access sources before submitting articles for publication. Beall's defines predatory publishers as those that charge authors to publish their works, have low acceptance standards and an inadequate peer-review process.

As you might imagine, targeted publishers took a dim view of the services provided by Beall's blog and some threatened legal action. Some librarians felt that his criticism of *potentially* predatory journals was unfair since their faults were only suspected (Davis, P. Open access "sting" reveals deception, missed opportunities [Blog post]. Retrieved from <https://scholarlykitchen.sspnet.org/2013/10/04/open-access-sting-reveals-deception-missed-opportunities/>).

Beall's blog was taken down on January 15, 2017 with no explanation while librarian listservs buzzed with speculation. If you'd like assistance evaluating potential publishing options, please contact your librarian liaison: <https://library.uww.edu/about-us/staff#liaison>

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