



October Letter from Andersen Library

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University of Wisconsin - Whitewater

What New Freshmen Know — or Don't

Andersen Librarians participated in the LEARN Center panel, "Mind the Information Gap: What New Freshmen Know." This session addressed the myths and realities about UW-W students garnered from the [National Survey of Student Engagement \(NSSE\)](#), [Beloit Mindset List](#) and experiences in the classroom.

Did you know that 40% of UWW freshmen are first-gen college students? Admissions Director and New Student Seminar (NSS) instructor Jeremy Reed, pointed out the disconnect this can cause between the college and home experiences of students. It can affect classroom etiquette and comfort with class participation as well (both of which are addressed in NSS classes). At the same time, families are more involved than ever in the college process so that the Admissions Office sees their job as recruiting families, not just students.

Academic Assessment Director, Joan Cook, pointed out that NSSE data shows our freshmen and seniors are better than average at synthesizing material, yet are weaker than average at evaluating information. Since only 17% of freshmen in general are likely to use library databases for their research assignments they will often find less-than-desirable material to evaluate (for comparison, 42% will use their peers as a search source)!

The panel and audience discussed why students have difficulty mastering library research databases and how teaching about the research process has better outcomes than focusing on specific research tools.

Fall Library Hours

Monday - Thursday	7:30 am - 2 am
Friday	7:30 am - 6 pm
Saturday	10 am - 6 pm
Sunday	11 am - 2 am



See library.uww.edu/hours for holiday, exam and intersession hours.

Share Your Scholarship

The 29th annual **Scholarship & Creative Achievement Recognition Reception** is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22. This annual reception and exhibit recognizing faculty and staff scholarship and creative achievements is co-sponsored by the Chancellor, Provost, Andersen Library, Crossman Gallery, and Office of Research & Sponsored Programs.

Last year's event showcased work from 29 academic departments in all four colleges, as well as other campus units. All departments and University offices are encouraged to nominate their faculty and staff. Please send nominations and documentation no later than **Friday, October 7, 2016**.

Recognition is for achievements accomplished between *July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016*.

For details on submitting work, see the Library web site:

<https://library.uww.edu/scholarship-and-creative-achievements>



Tune In to the Library on YouTube

Andersen Library offers a number of tutorials on our YouTube channel to get your students up-to-speed on using a variety of research tools.

If your students need help with citation styles, citation managers or other research-related activities, there are tutorials available on YouTube to make that happen.

ILLiad, Zotero, Endnote, APA style citations, Harvard Bluebook citations, and introductions to searching various databases are some of the topics covered in the tutorials.

Tune in and learn something new today!

<https://www.youtube.com/uwwlibrary>



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