Cuesta College Library and Information Literacy

Information Literacy is the set of skills needed to find, access, retrieve, analyze, synthesize and use information effectively and ethically.

The Cuesta College information literate student is one who can:

- Determine the extent of information needed
- Access needed information effectively and efficiently
- Evaluate information and its sources critically
- Incorporate selected information into their own knowledge base
- Use information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose
- Understand the economic, legal, and social issues surrounding the use of information
- Access and use information ethically

Someone who is information literate is someone who has learned how to learn. This individual understands how knowledge is organized, how to find information, evaluate information, and use that information for any task or decision at hand. The information literate person is prepared for lifelong learning.

Cuesta College Library Student Learning Outcomes

A Cuesta College information literate student is one who should know or be able to do the following:

- *Conceptualize and communicate a research topic or information need, and know when expert assistance is necessary.*

- *Synthesize material and evaluate whether information need has been successfully satisfied.*

- *Locate, use, and evaluate library and information resources relevant to class assignments and personal information needs.*