

Research Project Survey

The library committee is gathering data on resources used in middle and high school research projects. This short, online survey will take approximately ten minutes to complete. All responses will be anonymous. The librarian will compile and share the results with the administration and staff in order to find ways to improve access to credible research materials and ways that the library program can better assist middle and high school learners. Thank you for your time and candid responses.

1. I am in (6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th) grade

2. Research projects allow you to become an investigator. When you're working on a research project, you look into a topic to discover more about it.

What is the level of difficulty that you have in gathering information and sources for research projects in your classes? a. really easy b. easy c. difficult d. really difficult

3. How often do you use internet websites to find information for research projects in your classes?

- a. I use websites for research once-in-a-while
- b. I use websites for research often
- c. I rely on websites for almost all of my research

4. In the space below, list specific ways that the internet helps you to gather information that is used in your research project assignments

5. Being information literate means having the ability to locate, understand, evaluate, utilize, and share information. It also involves finding trustworthy and useful information. How would you rate your information literacy skills?

- a. Good b. Average c. Low d. In dire need of help

6. Would additional training on information literacy skills help you to perform better in your classes?

- a. Yes
- b. No

7. How would you rate the importance of online subscription databases such as EBSCOhost to gather research for your class projects and assignments?

- a. Very important
- b. Important
- c. Not very important
- d. Completely unimportant

8. List specific ways that online subscription databases help you to gather information that is used in your research project assignments.

9. Would additional training on the benefits and strategies to use subscription databases encourage you to use them more often?

- a. Yes b. No

10. How would you like to learn about subscription databases? Check all of the following types of training on subscription database use that you would like:

- 1. A presentation at the beginning of the year
- 2. Video tutorials that can be accessed at the library webpage.
- 3. Written instructions.
- 4. Teacher presenting lessons during a research unit.
- 5. Librarian presenting lessons during a research unit.
- 6. The librarian and teacher presenting lessons that are planned and taught together during a research unit.
- 7. Weekly "tips and tricks" for accessing information on electronic databases.
- 8. Other: