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Information Literacy Assignment Part 3

Part Three:

The purpose of my tutorial is to demonstrate some of the basic search features for students to use when searching library databases. Specifically, using *EBSCOhost*. The format that I have used is a screencast that I created using Jing. Jing is a useful tool for creating short videos that capture the actions taken on your monitor. Because of that, it can be great to demonstrate to patrons exactly how you did what you did so that they can replicate your results.

My target audience is first year community college students. These students often come to community college unsure how to use the library databases, and it is something that they are required to do in their foundations courses, along with English Composition classes. Students will often come to the library seeking information and advice on how to use these databases, and unfortunately they often seek help mere days (and sometimes hours) before the deadline. For this reason, I tried to keep the video brief. The video is meant to supplement the information literacy instruction that they receive in the classroom, not to replace it.

There are many more topics that should be explored in additional videos, like some of the more advanced features, along with tips and tricks to maximize the effectiveness of the search. Students should also be instructed about how to find other information relevant to their research, and learn some of the differences between different databases. However, I decided not to include this type of information in this particular video, as this is meant as an introduction. I attempted to

incorporate only the features that I felt would be both essential and useful for a beginner to database searching.