Demystifying Research

with

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What’s This Workshop About?

1. Your Creative Process
2. Your Research Process
3. Ethics of Research
Your Creative Process

Process is personal and rarely linear. Let’s talk about how you create.

Some possible ways to organize process:

- Mind maps & concept maps
- Lists & outlines
- Inspiration boards & Post-It walls
- Others?
Sample Concept/Mind Map

Using the Library and Other Information Sources

I. Introduction to the library
   A. Programs of orientation and instruction
      1. Pamphlets, handbooks, other materials
      2. Orientation tours, lectures, courses.
   B. Books about the library (cite examples)

II. The central catalog or central information system
   A. The online central catalog
      1. Definition and description
      2. Searching the online catalog
         a. Searching by author, title, subject, keywords
         b. Limiting the search
         c. Using Boolean logic
            (1) Definition of Boolean logic
            (2) Examples of Boolean logic
      3. Information accessed from the online catalog
   B. Information needed for research and writing
   C. The card catalog and other catalogs
   D. The central information system

III. Reference works
   A. Types of reference works
      1. Indexes
      2. Bibliographies
      3. Collections of abstracts
      4. Guides to research
      5. Dictionaries
      6. Encyclopedias
      7. Biographical sources
      8. Yearbooks
      9. Atlases
   B. Publication forms of reference works
   C. Searching a reference database

IV. Location of library materials
   A. Classification systems
      1. Dewey decimal system
      2. Library of Congress system
   B. Main collection (open shelves, closed stacks)

      and so forth...

Conclusion -- knowledge of the library and successful research papers.

Sample Inspiration Board

Sample Post-It Wall

Your Research Process

Process is personal and rarely linear. Let’s talk about how you search.

- What’s your role in research?
- How do you start?
- How do you validate information?

Do you see similarities between your Creative and Research Processes?
Information Literacy & You

The critical *process* of finding, evaluating, interpreting, managing, and using information to create new knowledge.

- Scholarship and creative practice is a conversation
- Re/search and creation as inquiry and exploration
- Authority of sources, constructs and context
- Ethics of information creation and use

Shifting focus from consumption to creation in the community of knowledge.

Research Ethics

Ethics are rooted in a myriad of historical, cultural and knowledge traditions contexts

- The legislative framework and the crime of plagiarism
- Copyright, copyleft and artistic license
- Appropriation and authority

This is only the beginning of this conversation!
Research Tour & Tips

Here are some tried and true methods to fold into your process.

● How to find the words
● Organizing the research process
● Search tips
● Evaluation tips
● Using the information once you have it

Skillshare: show and tell, what are your tricks?
Research Inquiry Exercise

Keeping your own creative and research processes in mind:

- Name a research inquiry
- Name three key concepts or key words
- Gather supporting information

Let’s do the work and talk about how to make that work easier, faster, and more fun.
Zotero Workshop

Practical workshop on using Zotero to manage your research.

Thurs. Feb. 5 - 11:15 am - 12:15 pm
Manor Oak Room

Bring your own laptop!!