

EVALUATE INFORMATION

Literature Search: a librarian's handout to introduce *tools, terms and techniques*

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CURRENCY

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RELEVANCE

How important is the information to your needs?

AUTHORITY

Who is the author and what are their credentials?

Do they work for a reputable institution?

Was the information published in a peer-reviewed journal?

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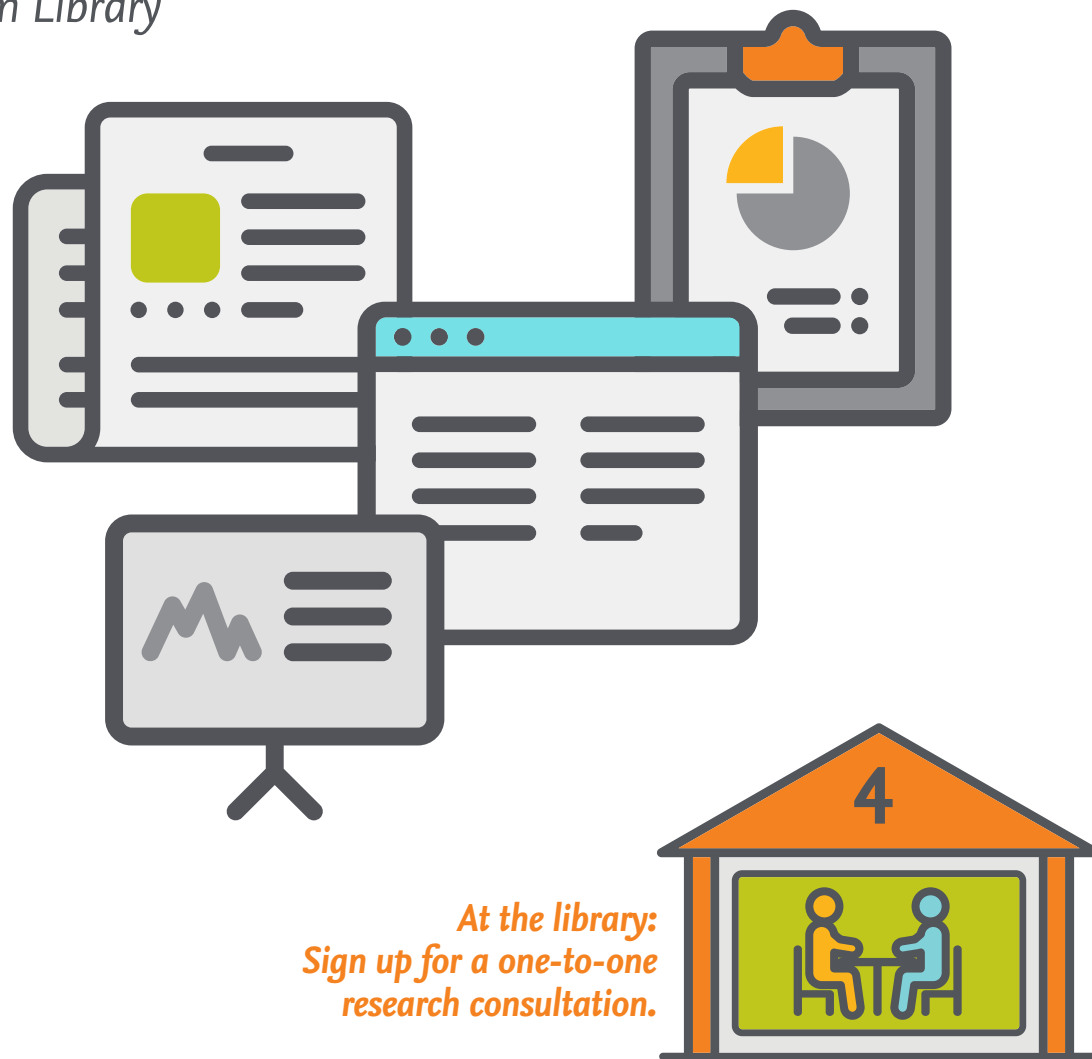
How reliable is the information? Does it lack citations?

Are there spelling errors?

PURPOSE

Is it a well-balanced independent piece of research, or intended to sell a product or idea?

1. http://www.csuchico.edu/lins/handouts/eval_websites.pdf



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