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## **ELECTRONIC INFORMATION IN NATURAL RESOURCE EDUCATION: INTEGRATING LIBRARY INFORMATION INTO THE CURRICULUM**

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**ABSTRACT:** Library literacy is a changing concept with the increasing use of the world wide web, electronic databases, fulltext reference sources, electronic journals, digital maps, and other electronically-available datasets. To fully prepare the natural resource student for the world that awaits her outside the walls of the academic institution, she must be literate in many areas, including the new and evolving library literacy. The future natural resource professional needs to know how to find relevant information, how to evaluate the information found, and how to assimilate and synthesize the information into his own work, and how to present his work in electronic format as well as print. Libraries now provide services that will enhance the instructors teaching capabilities as well as the students learning opportunities. The need to integrate electronic information resources into the curriculum provides active learning situations for the students. Include a librarian in your course development. This professional can help you maximize the learning possibilities for your students.