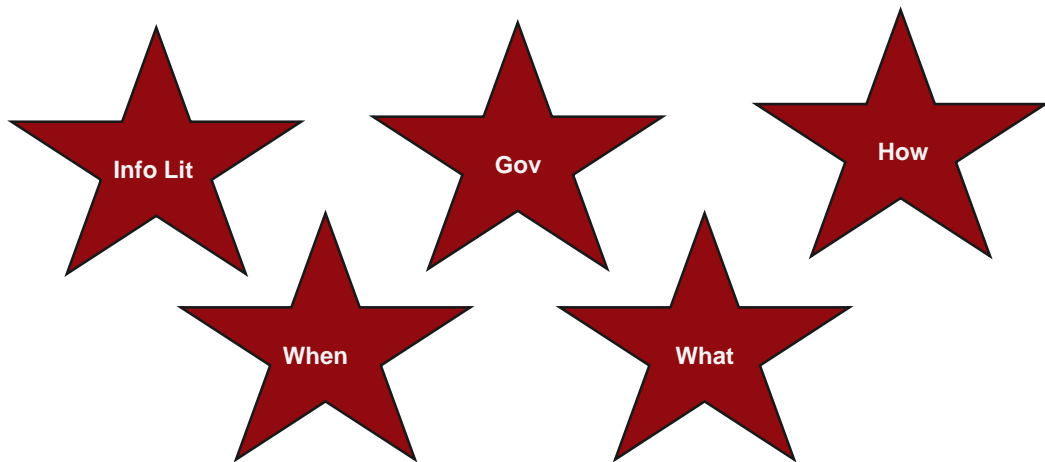**Information Literacy in Action:** *Embedding Government information in research workshops and the information literacy curriculum.*

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Framework

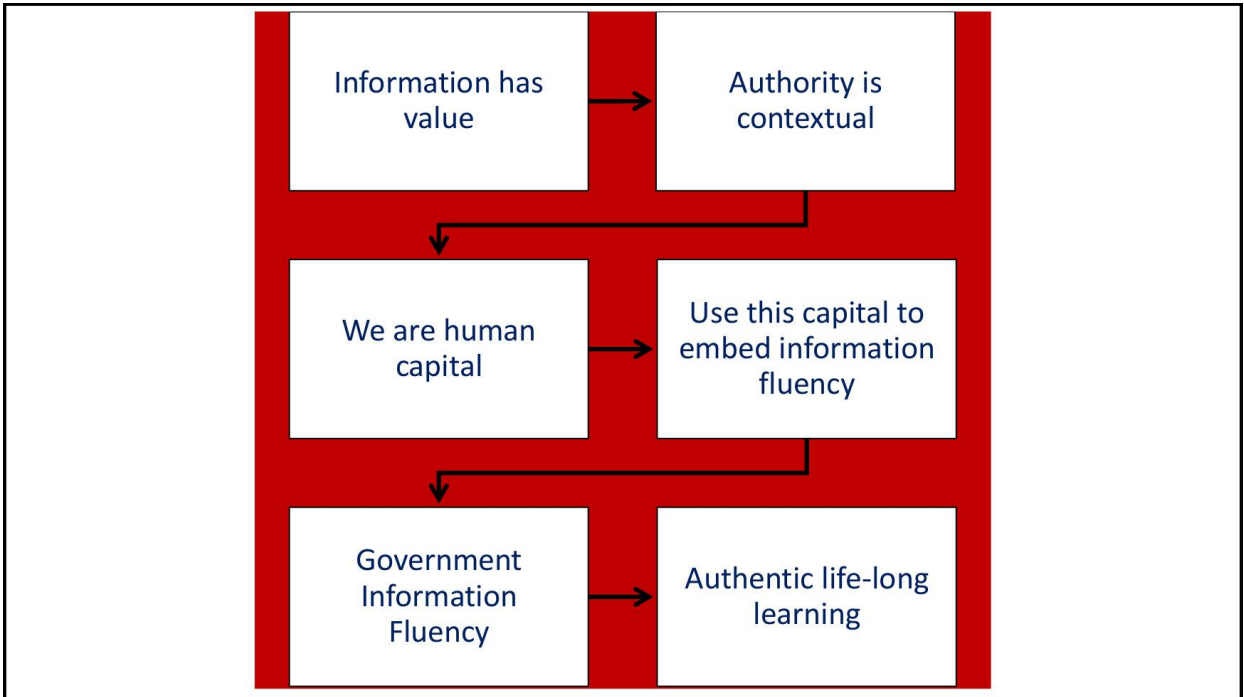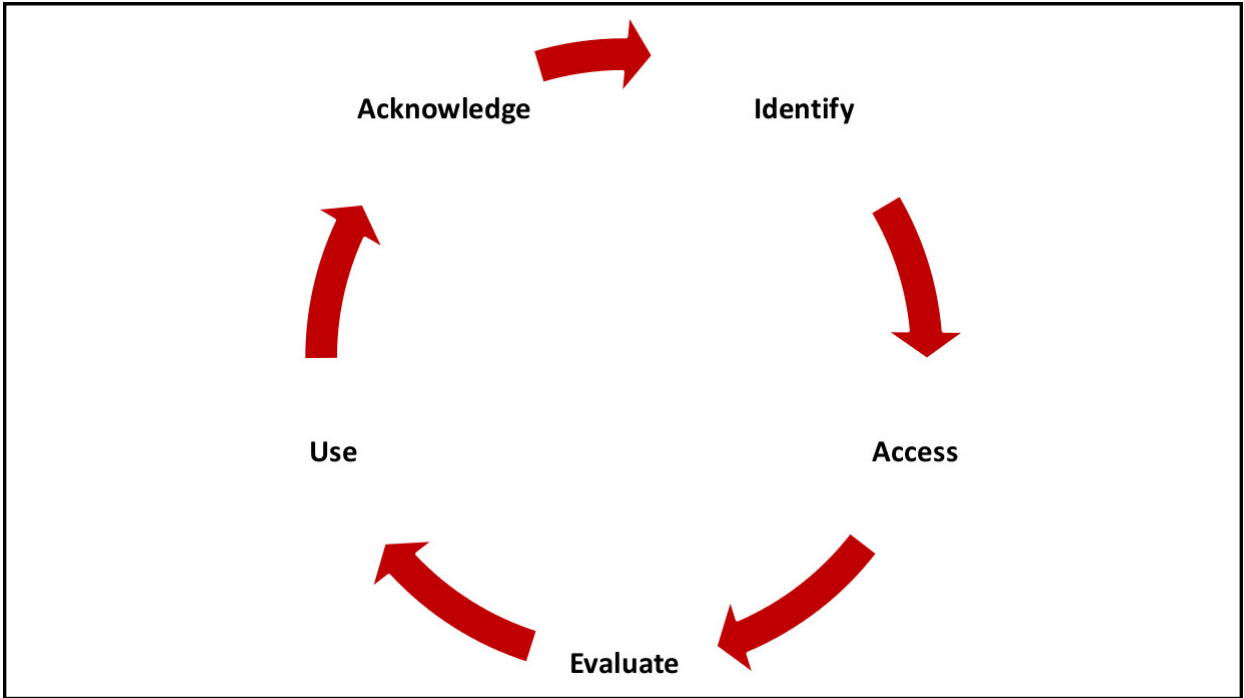Info Lit

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How

When

What

Learning Outcomes

- Attendees will be able to define information literacy as a framework

- Attendees will be able to explain the importance of government information in information literacy

- Attendees will identify access points in their curriculum to embed government information

- Attendees will be able to critique their own information literacy workshops to construct government information fluency in the curriculum
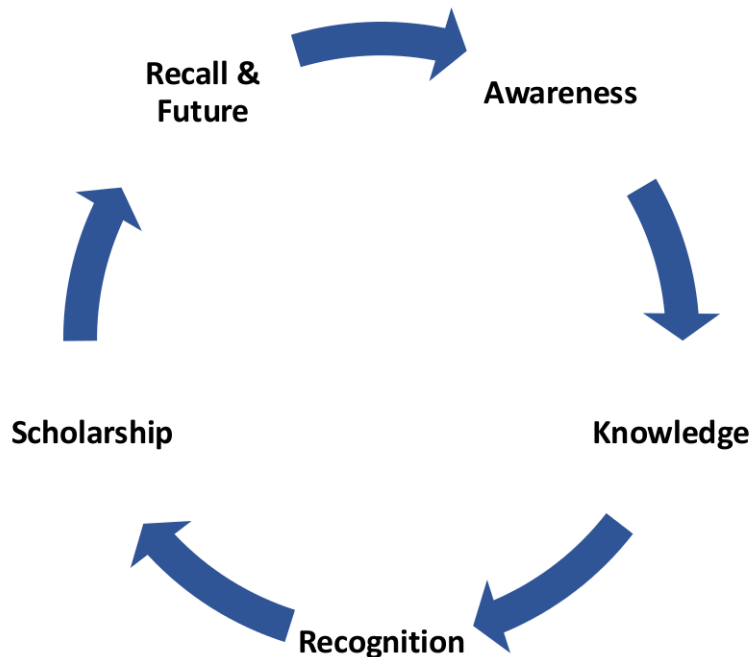
Information Literacy

- What is Information Literacy to you?

- How do you use this concept in your day to day duties as Government Information professionals?

Acknowledge

Identify

Use

Access

Evaluate

Information has value

Authority is contextual

We are human capital

Use this capital to embed information fluency

Government Information Fluency

Authentic life-long learning

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Government Information Fluency

- What is this?

- How can we relate it to the students?

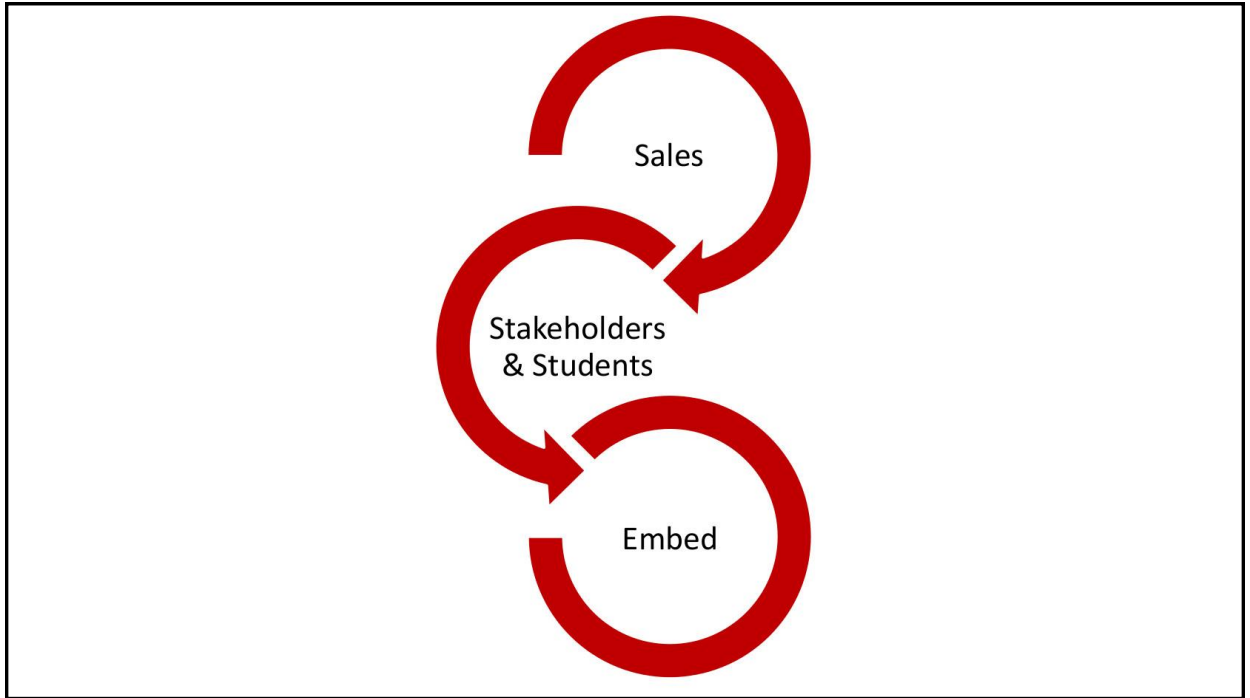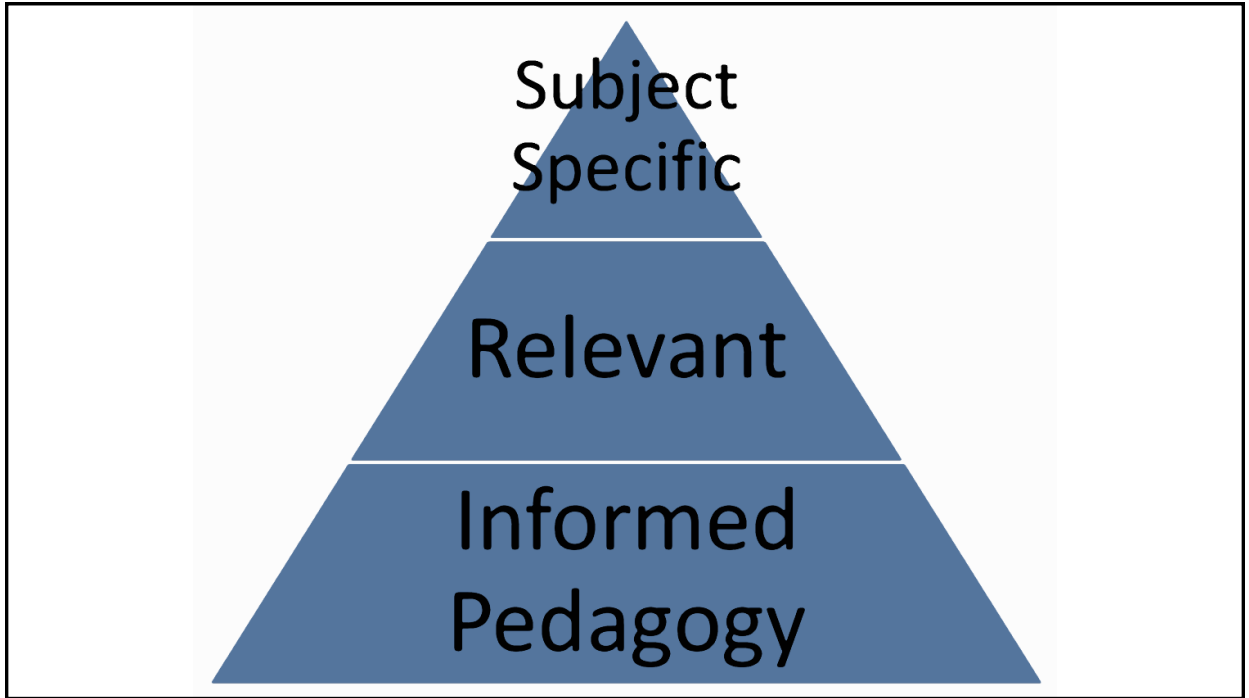Recall & Future → Awareness → Knowledge → Recognition → Scholarship → Recall & Future

How

- How to get the buy in from supervisors or faculty member?

- How to convince students it is important?

- How to fit it in coherently during one-shot instruction?

Sales

Stakeholders & Students

Embed

When

- When should you embed government information into instruction scenarios?

Subject Specific

Relevant

Informed Pedagogy

What

- Major Sources (All)
- Legislative, Executive, and Judicial
- Science
- Patents & Law
- Statistics & Data
- Business

Major Sources

- FDsys
  - CFR
  - Congressional Bills, Documents, and more
  - USC
  - Federal Register
- USA.gov
  - A-Z list of Government Agencies, and more
- U.S. Manual
  - Official handbook of the Federal Government
- NARA
  - Love this for all sorts of research

Executive

- White House
  - Office of Management and Budget
- Public Papers
  - President's public messages, statements, speeches, and news conference remarks.
- Data from Executive Agencies
  - Data, Tools, and Information from Executive Agencies

Legislative

- **Congress**
  - Bills, Laws, Congressional Record
- **Congressional Budget Office**
- **US House of Representatives**
- **US Senate**
- **Government Tracking**
  - Track what each member of Congress is doing(I always throw these watchdog sources in)

Judicial

- **Supreme Court**
  - Decisions, documents, and court decisions
- **Supreme Court Collection**
  - Full-text access to decisions
- **Library of Congress: Supreme court**
  - Current and historical information

Science

- SciTech
- NASA
- Tech Reports
  - NTIS
  - NASA NTRS

Patents, Trademark & Copyrights

- Patents
  - USPTO
- Trademark
  - USPTO
- Copyright
  - Copyright.gov
  - Library of Congress

Statistics & Data

- Census
- Bureau of Economic Analysis
- Data.gov
  - A repeat, but for good reason.
- Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Economic Research: The Fed

Business

- SEC Edgar
  - Company filings

- Individual States Secretary of State
  - Great when students are researching private companies

Activities to build IL

- Value of a Source

- Authority Research

- Searching

Your turn

- What would you do as government information experts to embed it in your own curriculum?

- How would you do it?

- What would the benefits be?

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