

[TRAILS to SAILS: Assessing the Information Literacy Journey](#)

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Tool for Real-time Assessment of Information Literacy Skills (TRAILS) and Standardized Assessment of Information Literacy Skills (SAILS) are two national assessment projects housed at Kent State. This session will present student results from the assessments and information about how library media specialists and academic librarians have used results in their own settings. Information literacy develops over a continuum of P-20. TRAILS assessments are based on 6th and 9th grade Ohio Academic Content Standards and linked to American Association of School Librarians Information Power Standards. New TRAILS assessments are being developed based on 12th grade and 3rd grade standards. SAILS assessments are based on Association of College and Research Libraries information literacy standards for undergraduate students. TRAILS and SAILS are tools that help educators prepare students to be information literate, in school, the workplace, and their communities.

After engaging in this display, participants will:

- Understand the role of information literacy as a 21st-century skill extending over P-20.
- Have a basic awareness of 2 standardized tools for profiling student competencies in order to better target intervention.
- Understand how other educators have used these tools to diagnose students' strengths and weaknesses with regard to information literacy and to target instruction.

Participants will have the opportunity to take TRAILS assessments online and receive instant feedback on performance. This will allow them to experience the assessments as their students do. Sample items may be reviewed by practitioners with experience at particular grade levels to better understand why students have more difficulty answering some items. Participants will be able to engage in 1-on-1 conversations with the assessment developers on how results may be used in their own local settings.