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ABSTRACT
Information literacy is essential competency for every citizen including school students. The concept of information literacy is highlighted in this chapter and several definitions are outlined. Information literacy initiatives in Malaysia are outlined.

10.1 INTRODUCTION

It can be clearly seen from the literature that school resource centre (SRC) played an important role in improving student academic achievement. Another important factor that also contributes to students' achievement is Information Literacy (IL). Indirectly, SRC, as evidenced in the literature played an important role in developing information literate students. Many studies (ACRL, 2002; Lau, 2006; Bruce, 2002) considered IL as fundamental to the pursuit of lifelong learning. In fact, information literacy has been considered as one of the five essential competencies necessary for solid job performance by The U.S Department of Labor (Humes, 2003). The changes that occur in the workplace today require employees to keep up with rapid technological advances, to streamline operations and to possess the ability to be proactive problem solvers (Hancock, 1993).

10.1.1 Definition of Information Literacy

There are various definitions given for Information Literacy.