Background

Information Literacy
is a set of abilities requiring individuals to recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information.¹

Archival Intelligence
refers to a set of skills needed to appropriately and successfully search, locate, and use archival records, and is comprised of three dimensions:
1. knowledge of archival theory, practices and procedures;
2. good strategies for reducing uncertainty; and
3. intellective skills²

Problems
1. Locating the information
2. Mode of access to records
3. Physical access (e.g. distance, condition, format)
4. Intellectual access (e.g. copyright, privacy)
5. Search styles and/or strategies
6. Issues with records (e.g. missing records, not processed)
7. Issues with information about the records (e.g. no description, outdated description)
8. Type of indexation
9. Anything else?

Information Literacy Cycle

Need
Formulate
Research Question
Use
Search
Retrieve
Evaluate

Keywords

Locate books, journal articles, images, etc.

But no primary sources

Research questions
• Where can I find information on the topic?
• How do I locate public archives, datasets, and/or digitized collections online?
• How do I search the collection?
• How can I search a collection that is not subject-indexed and that is not arranged by subject?
• What is it that I’m actually searching for?

Research with primary sources

Locate
Retrieve
Use

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