ABC of Information Literacy: info license for aware driving

Driving to...
- a place where students, librarians and teachers can meet
- a good degree thesis, but also workplace success & effective citizenship

Ready?
In May 2010 at Padua University an Information Literacy Team of librarians from five libraries of the Social Sciences area was formed aiming at improving the Information Literacy competences of third-year Political Science students. The plan was put into action through the following steps:

1) a large number of sessions were offered to small groups of students (in each training class there were 2 trainers and 20 trainees);
2) some information research tools were identified as appropriate to respond to the information needs of the third-year students;
3) a follow-up system was prepared (on-line questionnaires, orientation and discussion tools, sessions for further studies; for librarians);
4) attendance at the training activity was mandatory for the students in order to be allowed to take the final exam of their undergraduate degree.

On the road
- Basic remedies of information literacy for everyone, for a safe drive through the chancy world of information
- Case-based instruction: an inductive approach to investigating, searching, locating, evaluating, utilizing
- Information literacy embedded in the real information needs for the final exam of the degree

Cross the line
In 2011 about 900 students were trained in library resources and research activities facilities ... and...
- for the first time the Library System of Padua University is offering “Information Literacy classes” and not just “induction classes”
- for the first time on Academic Library is able to issue a kind of “licence”: the Library gives a “pass”, a minimal but mandatory permit that allows the student to start his research with his supervisor.

Information Literacy is about you. Are you about Information Literacy?