**TRAILS** Tool for Real–time
ASSESSMENT of INFORMATION LITERACY Skills

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# Welcome!

TRAILS is a knowledge assessment with multiple-choice questions targeting a variety of information literacy skills based on 3$^{rd}$, 6$^{th}$, 9$^{th}$, and 12$^{th}$ grade standards. This Web-based system was developed to provide an easily accessible and flexible tool for school librarians and teachers to identify strengths and weaknesses in the information-seeking skills of their students. There is no charge for using TRAILS.

Details about how the assessment system works may be found at HOW TRAILS WORKS.

Established users sign in.

New users create an account.

Changes are coming this summer. July and August will be used to upgrade various TRAILS features. This will include a "facelift", some item revisions, and tagging of items with Common Core standards.

Congratulations to Hinsdale Township High School District 86 for being named the 2012 National School Library Program of the Year (NSLPY)! The announcement in ALAnews highlights their use of TRAILS as part of their action research to inform decision-making about their library curriculum. Very nice. Very nice indeed.

Preparing your students for college? In addition to **TRAILS-12**, take a look at our sister site—**Transitioning to College (T2C)** at http://www.transitioning2college.org. T2C provides resources for both students and librarians about the college experience.

National benchmarks based on 2010-11 data are available for 3rd, 6th, 9th, and 12th grades. To view, log in and go to "My Account."

Check out the TRAILS wiki (http://trails-informationliteracy.wikispaces.com)

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