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Instruc on has become a cri cal and ubiquitous responsibility for public services librarians, and the literature indicates that library science programs have made steady (although rela vely slow) gains in developing and o ering informa on literacy instruc on courses. Sproles, Johnson and Farison explore and assess the content of informa c3(esple45cn /5cesew in)0 Tc 0mefde8analyhipw 18 0admini.279 0 nd22. [( )-52(on lit(15.928]T(ou

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and other technologies, it's now possible to augment a user's real-world experience of the library with all of the richness of our online collections, services, and other information. This benefits the user experience and, at the same time, provides libraries with a greater ROI in the digital realm." (Wisniewski 57)

To summarize, QR codes offer unique opportunities along with a fair number of challenges. Those interested in QR codes in a learning environment need to experiment with them and also monitor the research conducted by staff at the University of Bath and elsewhere. (http://blogs.bath.ac.uk/qrcode/) At the same time, they need to be mindful of the end users' needs. As MacKinnon and Sanford state, "As with any use of technology to provide service, a key to success for this project will be in providing purposeful and relevant access to library services through the placement of QR codes wherever and whenever it makes sense for our patrons." (MacKinnon and Sanford 8)

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