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NOTE: This is a short list of Information Literacy (IL) resources in Esperanto. Readers may be aware that Esperanto is a contact language in use by a community of practice spread worldwide, making a modern, alternative and efficient means of communication. The main goal of the Esperanto Movement is to spread the knowledge of Esperanto so to facilitate transnational communication among people belonging to different language groups on an equal and fair basis (see the Prague Manifesto, 1996, for details). Therefore, most of the efforts in the field of IL by the Esperanto Movement is in giving access to the language. In fact, most Esperanto courses in the world are given for free or at very low fees, and a lot of material is put in the internet in order to achieve this goal. In particular, the multilingual web portal *Lernu.net* is the main door to enter the language in the web nowadays, while *Edukado.net* is the reference for Esperanto language teachers and lovers around the world. For instance, the Esperanto Wikipedia is one of the most lively elaborated and discussed of the world. Moreover, summer or winter schools where people can attend University-level classes do exist, for instance the ones organized by the International Academy of Sciences San Marino (member of IAUPL, in consultancy relations with UNESCO).

Even if there is still no text or document explicitly devoted to IL written directly in the language, there are specific conferences aimed to train Esperantists in modern technologies, so to be skilled to serve the needs of the Esperanto Movement more cleverly. A recent example is KAEST [Esperanto acronym for Conference on the Application of Esperanto in Science and Technology], which has a long tradition (Nosková & Baláž, 2011).

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