# My understanding of Information Literacy

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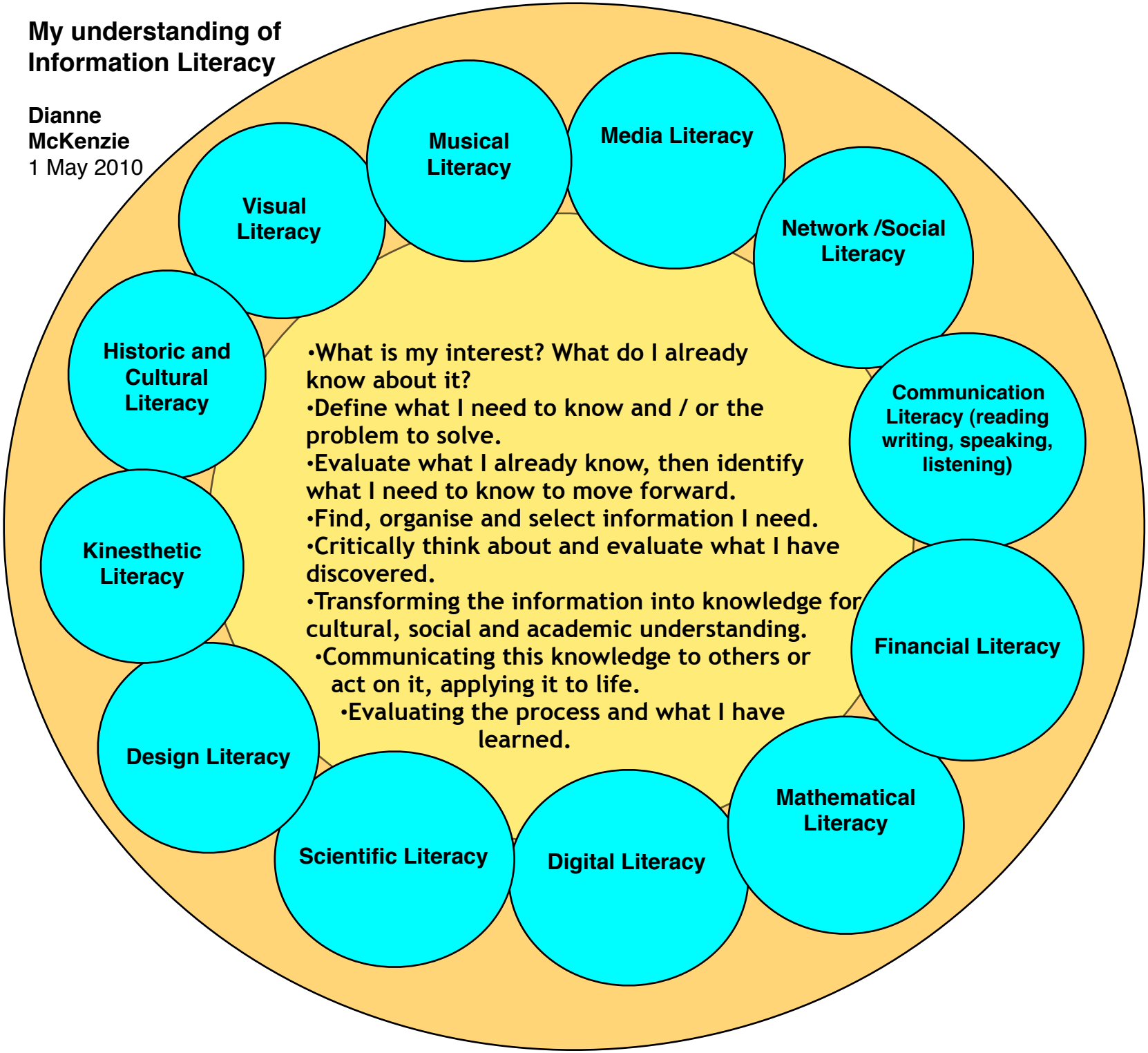


**Information literacy** is the ability to identify what one wants to learn about, then to go through a process of finding, sorting, evaluating, trialling, pondering, comparing, communicating and presenting the information which has been gained through a variety of experiences. Information is transformed into knowledge and understanding through this process.

This transformation can take place over a short period of time (seconds or minutes) and can be life lasting as one continues to be exposed to information. It can be a conscious or subconscious process.

Information literacy is the basis of all learning.

The process of transforming information into knowledge and understanding is the same no matter what you are learning.

**Literacy** … involves a continuum of learning in enabling individuals to achieve their goals, to develop their knowledge and potential, and to participate fully in their community and wider society." UNESCO