DLI Atlantic Training Workshop – April 2010

Equinox Session Worksheet

**Scenario One**: A physical education student wanders into the library. He’s been wondering about what is going on with all of these runners that are seemingly everywhere and thinking that he’d like to do an assignment on this for his research methods class. ”I keep seeing all these old ladies running” he says.

1. Perform a search in Equinox (Click Help for search suggestions).

a) Do you notice anything about search terms here?

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b) What are the regularly carried out surveys that might help this student and what dates are covered?

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| Survey Title | Useful Dates |
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c)Is there any non-Canadian data?

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2. In the most recent Canadian Community Health Survey:

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| What are our variables? | What kind of variable is it? |
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3. Okay, let’s get the data.

**Scenario Two**: A business student wonders, “What’s up with travel agents? Doesn’t everyone make their own travel arrangements these days??” How might Equinox help to answer this question?

1. Perform a search in Equinox.

a) What are the main regularly carried out surveys that might help this student and what dates are covered?

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| Survey Title | Useful Dates |
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**Scenario Three:** A community member approaches the desk, “They said on the radio that the average Canadian doesn’t drink as much beer as they used to. Is that true??”