

Love and the Laws of Ranganathan:

Applying the Rules of Library Science to Online Dating Profiles

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Description:

Every reader their book, every online dater their match.

1 out of 5 people age 25-34 use online dating*, but daters still have trouble finding the right person.

Research Questions:

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- How can Ranganathan's Laws be adapted to online dating profiles?
- How do people use profiles?
- What attracts people to certain profiles?

*Smith, A. (2014). *Five facts about online dating.* Pew Research Center. Accessed 2/21/15 <u>http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2014/02/13/5-facts-about-online-dating/</u>

The 5 Laws of Library Science

by S.R. Ranganathan

- 1. Books are for use
- 2. Every reader, his or her book
- 3. Every book its reader
- 4. Save the time of the reader
- 5. The library is a growing organism

5 Laws of Online Dating Profiles

- 1. Profiles are for social engagement
- 2. Every online dater, their profile
- 3. Every profile its viewer
- 4. Save time for the dater
- 5. Online dating websites and apps are constantly evolving.

Methodology:

Literature Review

 Interviews
(Transcription and Coding)

•Analysis

Challenges:

•Narrowing the topic

•Small body of scholarly work

 Only eight interview subjects

Next Steps:

•Interviews with people in different age groups and those with diverse sexual orientations and socio-economic backgrounds

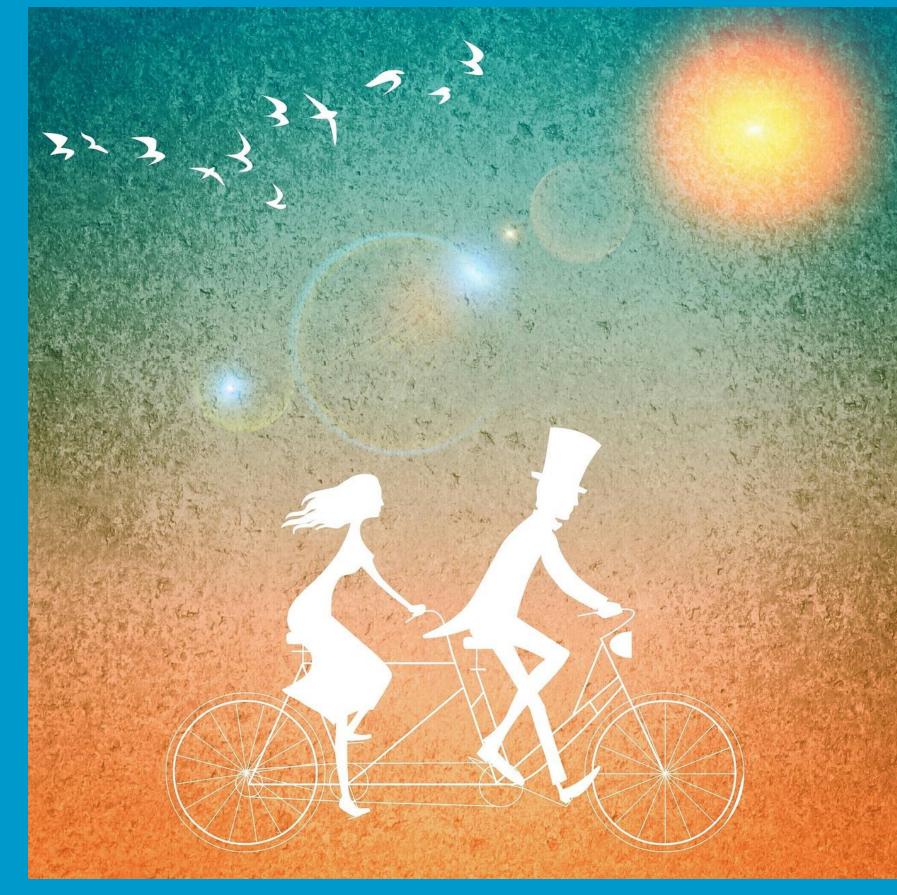
Findings:

Other than finding a date, the most popular use for online dating sites was meeting people after moving to a new location

Tips for getting your profile noticed from Online Daters:

- 1) Smile in your profile pic!
- 2) Active or Unusual pictures are a plus.

3) Avoid scantily clad pics if you are looking for a serious relationship, go ahead and post them if you are looking for a fling.



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