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The information behaviours of people with tattoos

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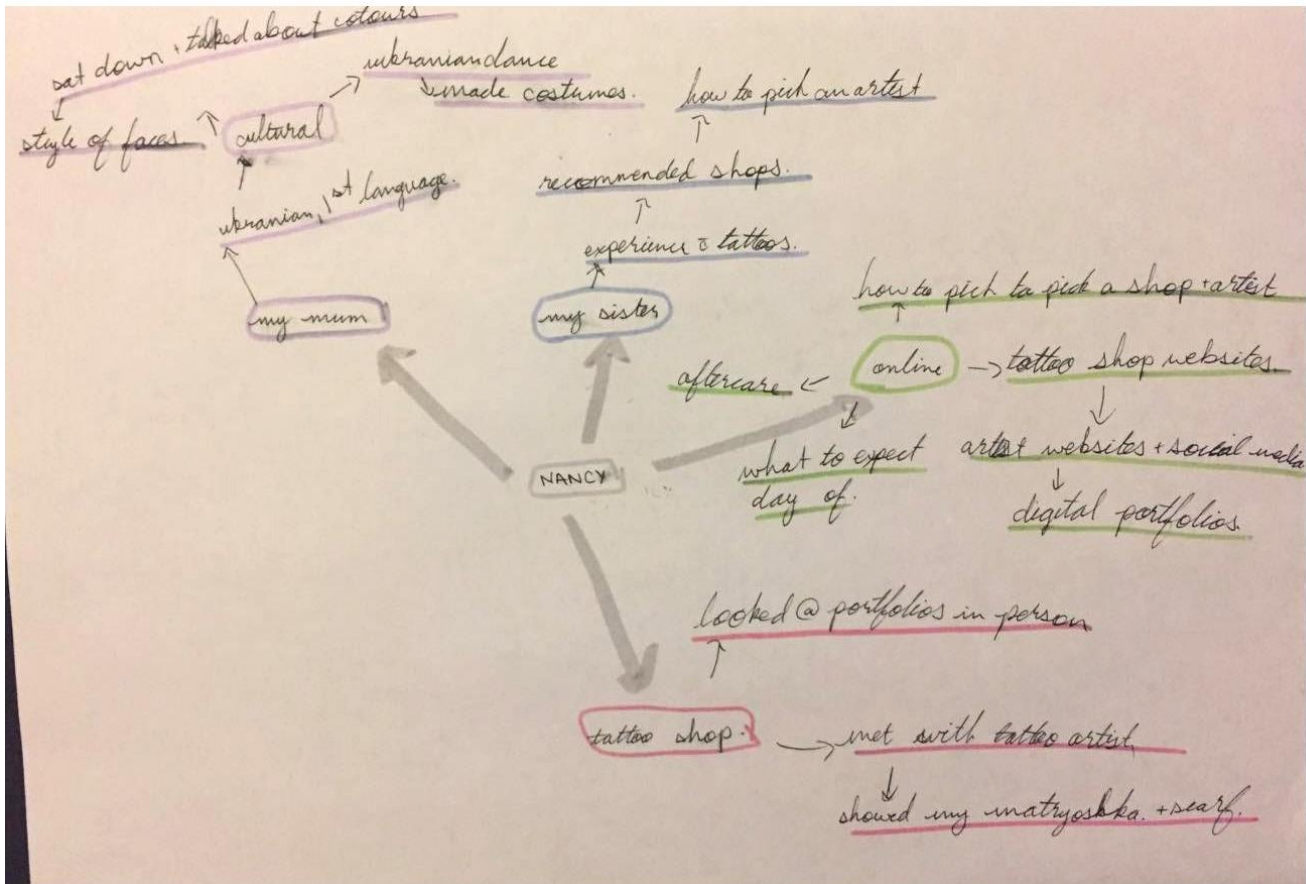
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Abstract

In this paper I present a research project on the information behaviours of individuals seeking to get tattoos using the Information Horizon Interview method presented by D.H. Sonnenwald. After a brief introduction to the current body of literatures surrounding tattoos and information behaviours, interviews and observations of persons who have tattoos from Toronto, Ontario are presented. The study data is analyzed and discussed according to Sonnenwald's suggested information horizon interview matrix. Three main categories of patterns emerge from the findings: resources, timelines, and themes. The themes most often repeated are emotion, finances, and aesthetic.
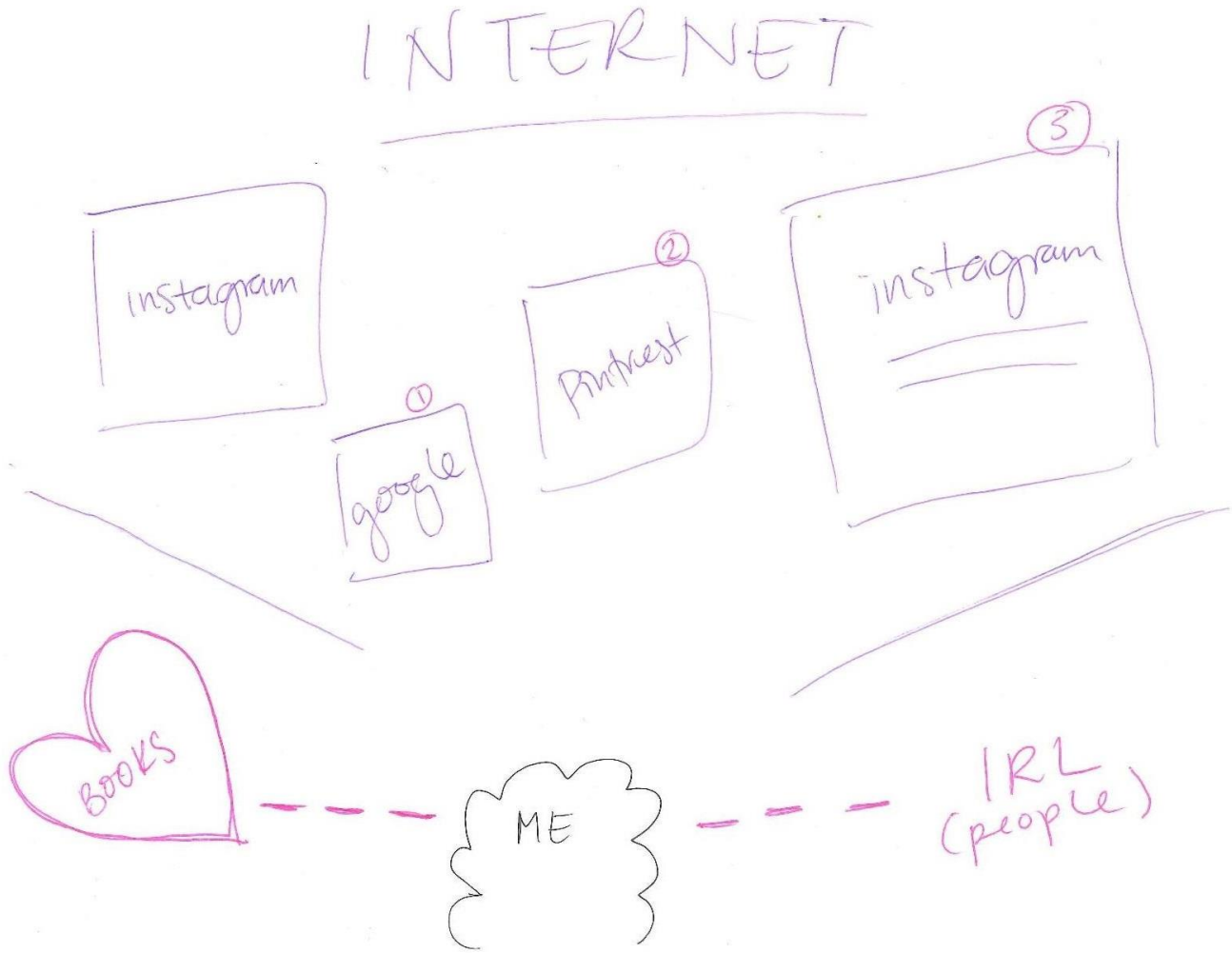
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Nancy's information horizon map

Lily's information horizon map

INTERNET

instagram

① google

② Pintrest

③ instagram

BOOKS

ME

IRL
(people)

Eleven's information horizon map

I saw a ram skull tattoo on instagram

Pinterest for ram Tattoo —

Ram Skull

Receptionist ladies tattoos at ink & water

Snapchat daily nail story — Rihanna sternum tattoo

PINTEREST

1st tattoo

Google · brainyquote.com

KOH CHANG tattooed people

cover up tattoo wall in Thailand

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google translate for 2nd tattoo

inspo from Jinx tattoo (and coffee shop. be)

found a deal somewhere

website

5th tattoo

google imaged humming bird photos & photos of humingbird flowers

4th tattoo

Used pinterest for mom tattoos

Magic Garden coloring book

Googled image peonies

3RD Tattoo

also looked through mums gardening books

groupon

through friend; $50 tiny tattoo