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Distance Student Resources

- You have the SAME access as the on-campus students – delivery is different
  - Books/videos mailed to your home; postage-paid label included.
- eBooks and full-text electronic articles will give you immediate access
- Puzzled by where to start? Call the librarians for help!
  - Also happy to work with you via conferencing tools such as GoToMeeting.
Connecting to the White Library

- Click the “Library” tab in the MySAU portal:
- www.arbor.edu/whitelibrary

Library Tour

We have a handy video tour:
http://goo.gl/C9VULL

Logging in...

- From off campus – username/password for databases is the SAME as your MySAU portal login information
- For "My Account Info" & MelCat: first/last name and student ID
Thinking About Research

Research Strategy

Subject Encyclopedias
Books
Periodical Articles
Statistics,
Media,
Websites

Tips to consider:

> Plan to begin research early!

> Be flexible—may need to change search terms.

> Try to think of research as an adventure—makes the process a bit less intimidating.

> Call for help if you’re stuck! 517–750–6445
A Word on Searching:
Video: Searching 101
Ruth Gaba, MLS
(Concordia University Wisconsin)

http://youtu.be/0o8r-sxqd-E

Subject searching vs. keyword searching

Both are useful, but what's the difference?

- **Subject Searching**: allows researcher to focus on the primary topic of the overall article.

- **Keyword Searching**: allows researcher to search for a particular word anywhere in the text of the article.

So...where does the catalog/database search?

- **Catalog:**
Term searching, cont’d

- **Database:**

  [Image of database interface]

- **Use Library Catalog to search:**
  - Use Advanced Search; limit to eBooks for more targeted results.

- **Click book title**—choose the link inside the record

- **Locating & Retrieving eBooks:**
  - Several different eBook providers; all of our subscribed titles are cataloged in our main catalog.
Mouse over the “Search” button and then click on “Books and Media.”

To search for eBooks only, click on “Advanced Search.” Under “Location,” be sure to choose “eBooks (online)” to search just that part of the collection. Enter search terms above.
Searching for eReference articles...

Mouse over the “Search” button, and then click on “Articles.”

Next, choose “Online Reference Resources”.

Searching, cont’d...

Choose a resource from the list; we often suggest Credo Reference Digital Library.

Log in when prompted; search for your terms in the database.

Searching for Journal Articles
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Mouse over the “Search” button and then click on “Articles.”

Database Options

› Subject Specific
› All Databases
› General Options & Reference

Database Options, cont’d

› Search Everything
  › Allows you to search multiple databases and material types.
  › Good for getting started
  › Expect a LOT of results.
A Couple Important Database Limiters...

- Peer reviewed
- Date ranges
- Full Text – use cautiously

What kind of article is this?

- Magazine (Popular)
  - Glossy, color photos
  - Advertisements – products
  - Written by staff/freelance writer
  - General interest
  - Story/news
  - Simple language

- Journal (Scholarly)
  - Charts/graphs
  - Advertisements – academic services
  - Written by researcher
  - Original research/experiment
  - Language of the discipline

Where can I find my article?

- If the item is in full-text in the database you searched, you will see either a PDF or HTML full text link.

- If a full-text option is not listed in the database:
  - "List of Journals @ SAU" link to search for journal
  - MelCat or ILL
A word about MelCat and ILL

› Allows us to outsource materials the White Library does not own.

› Can take extra time to arrive; coming from other libraries. Be sure to plan ahead.

› Tip: If it looks important and you have at least a couple days you can wait, order it. Find a backup source just in case.

Evaluating Internet Resources

Graphic from http://www.fastlanepc.com/tutorials/google-is-not-the-internet/

Evaluating Internet Resources handout:
http://goo.gl/xUJCBV
Today’s Key Take-Away Points:

› Use quotation marks to keep phrases together.

› Use simple, scholarly language.

› Keep notes of terms that are key to your most-liked research items.

› If you need help, please contact the library! We’re here to help!

Questions?

› Feel free to ask us questions!

  • General e-mail: saulibrary@gmail.com
  • (517) 750–6742 or (800) 968–9103 x1742

OR

  • Look for this icon on the White Library homepage for more Help options!

› After hours? Try the 24/7 chat feature!