Library Resources and Research Techniques for Spanish 383


Learning Outcomes: By the end of your library class you will be able to locate books and articles on your topic using the library catalog and periodical databases.

Databases: Provide access to published material in magazines, journals, newspapers, and other sources. The UMW Library subscribes to these databases and they are part of the “Deep Web,” as opposed to the “Surface Web” or “Free Web.”

Finding Books and Articles

Quest
- Click on “Quest” from Library home page, http://libraries.umw.edu.
- A new search tool that allows users to find print and online resources at UMW Libraries through a single interface.
- A search in Quest will locate books, e-books, articles from journals, magazines, newspapers, DVDs, and much more.
- Includes resources from JSTOR and the MLA International Bibliography.

Finding JUST Books
- Find books by author (last name first), title, subject headings (approved words and phrases that describe a topic), or just by typing words “anywhere.”
- Can also browse through authors, titles, and subjects (Browse Search).
- Find books through keyword searching (Advanced Search).
  - Keywords: Words or phrases located anywhere in a record.
  - Useful for combining terms or when you are unsure of correct terms.
- Books are shelved by call number: A – L (third floor) and M – Z (second floor).
- Reference books are on the first floor near the Reference Desk.

Finding Articles (Other Resources)
- Click on “Databases” in the blue tab on the Library home page, http://libraries.umw.edu, for a listing of the databases to which the Library subscribes. A good all-purpose database is:

  Academic Search Complete (coverage varies; as far back as the 1880s to date)
  - Includes thousands of full-text academic journals, periodicals, books, and reports in a wide variety of disciplines.
  - Can click on “Choose Databases” to add additional databases.
One database devoted to the humanities is:

*Artemis Literary Sources* (coverage varies)
- A full-text resource offering biographical and bibliographical information on living and deceased worldwide authors, artists, and their works.
- An advanced search enables users to construct searches using a variety of criteria.
  - For a title of a work, use “Name of Work” from the drop-down menu.
  - For an author or artist, use “Person by and About” from the drop-down menu.
  - To add a word or phrase to focus your search, use “Keyword” from drop-down menu.

**Film Reviews (Other Resources)**

- *Movie Review Query Engine* [http://www.mrqe.com/].
  - A searchable database for movie reviews.

**Finding Periodical Titles**

- Click on “Journals” in the blue tab on the Library home page, http://libraries.umw.edu, or click on “Find a Journal” in the “How Do I?” section.

**Finding Research and Subject Guides**

- Click on “Guides” in the blue tab on the Library home page, http://libraries.umw.edu, or click on “Research Guides” in the “Get Help” section.
- Click on “Modern Foreign Languages.”

**Citing Your Sources**

- Provides links to *EasyBib* citation guide and also guides to specific citation styles.

**Database Search Tips**

- Use subject headings to focus your search.
- Use quotation marks to search for an exact phrase (e.g., “Civilian employees in law enforcement”).
- Use AND to narrow your search (e.g., Civil War and diaries).
- Use OR to broaden your search (e.g., films or motion pictures or movies).
- Use truncation (*) to obtain all words beginning with your keyword (e.g., immigra* will retrieve works with immigration, immigrating, or immigrant in them).

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