Library Resources and Research Techniques for Spanish 312


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 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” (http://libguides.umw.edu/mfl).

Finding Subject Encyclopedias and Other Reference Works

- Define and narrow your topic; provide background material.
- Provide lists of other significant resources (that is, bibliographies).
- See UMW Libraries Modern Foreign Languages subject guide for a list of some useful titles.

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.

Citing Your Sources

- Provides links to EasyBib citation guide and also guides to specific citation styles.
- Remember to check your citations using the UMW citation guides!

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.
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).
- 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 and periodicals in a wide variety of disciplines.
  - Can click on “Choose Databases” to add additional databases.

Artemis Literary Sources (coverage varies)

- A full-text resource offering biographical and bibliographical information on living and deceased worldwide authors 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, 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.

Database Search Tips

- Use subject headings to focus your search.
- Use quotation marks to search for an exact phrase (e.g., “History in motion pictures”).
- Use AND to narrow your search (e.g., “college students” and “text anxiety”).
- Use OR to broaden your search (e.g., lawyers or attorneys).
- Use truncation (*) to obtain all words beginning with your keyword (e.g., immigra* will retrieve works with immigration, immigrating, or immigrant in them).

Feedback

How did I do? Can you please take a few minutes and fill out a survey about your library instruction session?

- Click on the “Classes” tab on the UMW Libraries Modern Foreign Languages subject guide (http://libguides.umw.edu/mfl).
- Click on the link in the “Feedback Forum” box at the bottom of the page.

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