Library Resources and Research Techniques for Communication 340

_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 the Communication Subject Guide

- 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 “Communication” (http://libguides.umw.edu/comm).

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 Communication web page for list of useful titles, which includes:
  - Encyclopedia of Communication and Information (REFB P 87.5 .E53)
  - Encyclopedia of International Media and Communications (REFB P 87.5 .E535 2003)
  - International Encyclopedia of Communications (REFB P 87.5 .I5 1989)

Finding 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.”
- Try a _Browse Search._ For example:
  - Social Media—Political aspects
- 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

Links to art-related databases and other resources that provide abstracts of articles (summaries) and full-text articles are available in the “Locating Articles” section of the UMW Libraries Communication subject guide (http://libguides.umw.edu/comm).

*Communication and Mass Media Complete* (varies by journal; mostly 1930s to date)
- Provides abstracts of articles (summaries) of almost 800 journals in areas related to communication, mass media, and related fields.
- Furnishes the full text of more than 450 journals.
  - Can click on “Choose Databases” to add additional databases, including *Academic Search Complete*.
    - Includes thousands of full-text academic journals and periodicals in a wide variety of disciplines
    - Coverage varies, as far back as the 1880s to date

Finding Books and Articles

*Quest*
- A search tool that allows users to find print and online resources at UMW Libraries through a single interface.
- Click on “Quest” from Library home page, http://libraries.umw.edu.
- A search in Quest will locate:
  - Books, e-books, articles, DVDs, and much more.

Reviewing Your Research

- See the “Reviewing Your Research” tab on the UMW Libraries Communication subject guide (http://libguides.umw.edu/comm).

Citing Your Sources

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