Library Resources and Research Techniques for Linguistics 470S

*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 Linguistics 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 “Linguistics” (http://libguides.umw.edu/ling).

**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 Linguistics subject guide for some useful titles, including:

**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:
  - Austronesian languages [and other names of specific languages]
  - Endangered languages
  - Language and languages—Variation
  - Language attrition
  - Language maintenance
  - Language obsolescence
  - Language revival
  - Linguistic change
  - Linguistic minorities
  - Sociolinguistics
- 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 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 Linguistics subject guide (http://libguides.umw.edu/ling). For example, see:

*Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts* (1973 to date)
- Indexes articles in the language sciences, including the fields of linguistics, phonetics, morphology, semantics, and syntax. Covers more than 1,500 serials, as well as books, book chapters, and dissertations.

*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, including all the databases that are provided by this particular publisher.

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.

Finding Web Resources

- Links to major web pages on endangered languages are included under “Languages of the World” in the “Navigating the Internet” section of the UMW Libraries Linguistics subject guide (http://libguides.umw.edu/ling). For example, see:
  - *The Endangered Language Project* (http://endangeredlanguages.com/)
  - *Ethnologue: Languages of the World* (use UMW subscription resource)
  - *Language Documentation and Conservation* (http://ling.hawaii.edu/research-current/langdoc/)
    - Maintained by the Department of Linguistics at the University of Hawaii. Provides links to the department’s projects and various initiatives.

Citing Your Sources

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

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