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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 Historic Preservation 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 “Historic Preservation” (http://libguides.umw.edu/hisp).

Finding Background Material (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 Historic Preservation subject guide for a list of some useful titles. Some excellent works that furnish both research ideas and bibliographies include:
  - American Decades (org. by decades; each vol. cataloged separately, but see REFB E 169.12)
  - American Decades: Primary Sources (organized by decades; each volume cataloged separately, but see REFB E 169.12)
  - American Pop: American Culture Decade by Decade (REFB E 169.1 .A4475 2009)
  - This Fabulous Century (volumes organized chronologically; REFB E 161 .T55)
  - The Greenwood Encyclopedia of American Regional Cultures (REFB E 169.1 .G718 2004; each volume covers a region of the U.S., with chapters on Architecture, Art, Ethnicity, Folklore, etc.)
  - Inventions and Inventors (REFB T 20 .I59 2002)
  - The Twenties in America, The Thirties in America, The Forties in America; The Fifties in America; The Sixties in America, The Seventies in America; The Eighties in America; The Nineties in America, The 2000s in America (you need to look up call numbers as each title is cataloged separately)

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:
  - Board games
- 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 historical 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 Historic Preservation subject guide (http://libguides.umw.edu/hisp). 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.
- *Important:* Can click on “Choose Databases” to add additional databases, such as America: History and Life, Humanities Full Text, Humanities International Complete, Humanities and Social Sciences Index Retrospective, 1907-1984, and Newspaper Source Plus.
- Can also choose *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 Newspaper Articles

- See the UMW Libraries’ guide to finding newspaper articles (http://libguides.umw.edu/newspapers).
  - Includes links to ProQuest Historical Newspapers, Chronicling America, and many other resources.
  - *Note:* You might want to search all ProQuest databases, so you can pick up all the resources maintained by ProQuest.

Finding Biographical Material

**Biography and Genealogy Master Index**
- An index to millions of biographical sketches in hundreds of biographical sources.
- You 1) look up your name, 2) note the various titles that contain information on your person, and 3) use the library catalog to locate the reference works.

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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