Library Resources and Research Techniques for FSEM 100L6

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. You will also be familiar with subject-related encyclopedias.

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 Theatre and Dance 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 “Theatre and Dance” from the menu (http://libguides.umw.edu/theadanc).

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 Theatre and Dance web page for a list of some useful titles, including
  - The Continuum Companion to Twentieth Century Theatre (REFB PN 2035 .C65 2002)
  - Critical Survey of Drama, 8 vols., authors and essays (REFB PN 1625 .C68 2003)
  - Schirmer Encyclopedia of Film (REFB PN 1993.45 .G65 2007)

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:
  - horror
- 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.
- Useful subject headings include:
  - Horror films
  - Horror in literature
  - Horror tales
  - Revenge—Drama
  - Shakespeare, William, 1564-1616—Tragedies
  - Theatre du Grand-Guignol

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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 Theatre and Dance subject guide (http://libguides.umw.edu/thea). For example, see:

  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 Humanities Full Text, Humanities International Complete, Humanities and Social Sciences Index Retrospective, 1907-1984; MasterFILE Premier, and OmniFile Full Text Mega.
  - Can also choose all the databases that are provided by this particular publisher.

  Gale 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 or About” from the drop-down menu.
      - Scroll down or see right column for “content types” (biographies, literature criticism, topic and work overviews, etc.).
    - You can add a word or phrase to focus your search.

  Project Muse (coverage varies; mostly 1995 to date)
  - Provides online access to more than 400 scholarly journals in the humanities, arts, and social sciences.
  - Users can “browse subject headings for articles” or search using keywords in an “advanced article search.”

  ProQuest Historical Newspapers (coverage varies)
  - Provides full-text and full-image articles for the New York Times (1851 to 2008) the Washington Post (1877 to 1995), and the Chicago Tribune (1849-1988).

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.
- Covered in Quest are most of the Library’s databases, including:
  - Academic Search Complete (coverage varies, but as far back as 1880s to date)
  - Gale Literary Sources (coverage varies)
  - JSTOR (1800s to the last 1-5 years)
  - Project Muse (coverage varies; mostly 1995 to date)

Citing Your Sources

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