Library Resources and Research Techniques for FSEM 100E7

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 “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 subject guide for some useful titles, including:
  - *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:
  - Clothing and dress
- 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:
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)
  - *JSTOR* (1800s to the last 1-5 years)
  - *Project Muse* (coverage varies; mostly 1995 to date)

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/theadanc). 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.

Browsing the Shelves

- Books about fashion are on the third floor (GT 500 to GT 2370).
- Books about clothing manufacture are on the second floor (TT 490 to TT 695).

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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