Library Resources and Research Techniques for English 470

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 English 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 “English” (http://libguides.umw.edu/engl).

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 English web page for a list of some useful titles.

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.
- 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 English subject guide (http://libguides.umw.edu/engl). 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.
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 Virtual Libraries

- Provide directories of carefully selected Internet resources in a variety of subject areas.
- Furnish the quality control that is lacking in web search engines.
- See the “Navigating the Internet” tab of the English research guide (http://libguides.umw.edu/engl) for a list of virtual libraries, including:
    - See also its search engine, http://www.sweetsearch.com/

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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