Library Resources and Research Techniques for English 307

*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 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.”
- 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.

  **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.
    - Add keywords or phrases to the drop-down menu under “Basic.”
    - For a periodical name, use “Publication title” from the drop-down menu.

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