Library Resources and Research Techniques for English 202-B

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 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).
- Useful titles include (not an exhaustive list):
  - *Countries and Their Cultures* (REFB GN 307 .C68 2001)
  - *The Folklore of World Holidays* (REFB GT 3930 .F65 1991)

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 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 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, OmniFile Full Text Mega, and Women’s Studies International.*
    - Can also choose *all* the databases that are provided by this particular publisher.
  - **Ancestry Library Edition** (On UMW campus only; click on “Databases” tab from Library home page)
    - Provides genealogical and historical information
  - UMW Libraries *Newspaper Articles* subject guide (http://libguides.umw.edu/newspapers)
    - Click on “Research Guides” from Libraries home page and then “All Guides”

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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