



Take time to choose a topic that will hold your interest through all the research and rewrites you will be doing! If no topic of burning interest immediately springs to mind for you, here are some good places to hunt up ideas.

A. Browse *CQ Researcher Online*. These are extensive reports on a new “hot topic” each week. Access from the pull-down menu on the library’s home page; choose “Browse by Date” and scan the list of topics from the last year or two. (Also in hardcopy; Reference collection: H35 .E351.)

B. Looking for Current Events? Browse News Magazines & Newspapers.

The CCC Library subscribes to many publications covering news & current affairs. Try these! (Latest issue by the lounge; previous issues in *Periodicals*, by title.)

Magazines & Journals			Newspapers
<i>Atlantic Monthly</i>	<i>Ms.</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>New York Times</i>
<i>Current</i>	<i>The Nation</i>	<i>USA Today</i>	<i>Oregonian</i>
<i>Current History</i>	<i>The Futurist</i>	<i>Newsweek</i>	<i>Statesman Journal</i>
<i>Harper’s</i>	<i>The New Yorker</i>	<i>U.S. News & World Report</i>	<i>Wall Street Journal</i>
<i>Mother Jones</i>	<i>Rolling Stone</i>	<i>Utne Reader</i>	

Prefer **electronic**? Familiar with EBSCO’s *Academic Search Premier*?

You can scan the contents of specific publications by opening the “Publications” tab, and **browsing** to the title. Check out the *Journal of Popular Culture* – or any of the titles above.

C. Browse Subject Magazines and Journals

Is there a broad subject that really appeals to you? Sports? Art? Medicine? Archaeology? There are magazines for every subject; browse them for current hot topics in that field.

Hardcopy: Check the **list of periodicals** by the Periodicals shelves to select likely titles.

Electronic: In *Academic Search Premier*, open the **Publications** tab

Enter your subject area – for example, *astronomy* – in the **Browse** box (not “Find”)

Mark the **By Subject and Description** button and click **Browse**.

You will get a list of publications related to that subject; click a title to open it.

D. Intute Topics List. (www.intute.ac.uk)

Intute is an academic Web search engine. At their home page, pick a broad category at the top. That will show a “Browse by Heading list – see if any of those subjects appeal to you!