



Resources for Selecting a Topic:

Recent Magazines: browse these for topics of current interest in a particular field or in the news.

We subscribe to over 200 magazines and journals, both general and special-interest.

Latest issues on the **Current Periodicals** rack by the lounge, older issues in the **Periodicals** shelves.

General-interest:	<i>New Yorker; Smithsonian</i>	News:	<i>Time; World Press Review</i>
Arts:	<i>American Artist; Rolling Stone</i>	Economics:	<i>The Economist; Forbes; Money</i>
Education:	<i>Chronicle of Higher Education</i>	History:	<i>Archaeology; Magazine of History</i>
Literature:	<i>Times Literary Supplement; Writer</i>	Medicine:	<i>American Health; JAMA</i>
Science:	<i>Discover; NewScientist</i>	Social Sciences:	<i>Psychology Today; Society</i>

CQ Researcher - weekly reports on current "hot topics" (Ref H35 .E 351, or online – ask for passwords)

Google's Directory - try browsing Google's categories for topics that interest you.

Look It Up! Reference Materials for Background Information & Facts



Specialized encyclopedias exist for every subject, and are a great place to start exploring a topic.

Try searching *netLibrary's* "Reference Center" or browse the Reference shelves in your subject:

A -- General Works	J -- Political Science	R -- Medicine
B -- Philosophy; Psychology; Religion	K -- Law	S -- Agriculture
C -- History ("Auxilliary" – biography, etc.)	L -- Education	T -- Technology
D -- History & Culture: General and Old World	M -- Music	U -- Military Science
E - F -- History & Culture: Americas	N -- Fine Arts	V -- Naval Science
G -- Geography. Anthropology. Recreation	P -- Language And Literature	Z -- Library Science
H -- Social Sciences	Q -- Science	

(A more detailed list of Library of Congress categories is posted in the stacks, and a handout is available.)

In-Depth Information: Circulating Books



CCC Library Catalog (COUGAR Cat) search strategy:

start with a keyword search	death penalty
view subject headings for other useful terms	capital punishment
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eBooks: to view *netLibrary* e-books from home, first create an account from a CCC computer.

Hold: if an item is checked out, you may place a hold to be next in line to borrow it.

View Your Record: Use this link (in the left frame) to view your record and renew items.

Booklist: Mark items and save them to a booklist to print or e-mail to yourself.

Not enough material at CCC Library? We may be able to obtain items for you by **Interlibrary Loan**.

To identify items you'd like us to borrow for you, use **Research Gateway >> Other Libraries** to search:

***Summit** (orbis.uoregon.edu): a combined catalog for many large academic libraries in our region.

***Library of Congress** (catalog.loc.gov) – for just about anything available in the United States.



Periodicals: Articles on Research, News and Current Topics

Journals: formal, peer-reviewed articles in which researchers report their new work

Trade journals: news, features and career information for professionals in a field

Magazines: news and features for non-specialists or the general public

Is it Scholarly? (aka: Academic; Peer-Reviewed; Research; Refereed)

	<i>Time</i> (magazine)	<i>Current Anthropology</i> (Journal)
Audience	general	peers in the field
Author	staff/freelance writer	researcher in the field, credentials/contact provided
Purpose	inform / entertain	present new work
Style	non-technical language	technical language
Format	eye-catching	formal: introduction, methods, results & discussion
References	few or no references cited	many references cited
Review	editor	peer-reviewed (refereed)

Note! Scholarly journals may include news articles, editorials, book reviews, etc. along with research articles. If you want to be sure you are using a true **research** article, look for the formal layout and lots of works cited.

Article Indexes: (ask for passwords to use these from home)

Academic Search Premier (from EBSCO)- our best “all-purpose” index for undergraduate research

Covers 6000 journals, magazines and newspapers in all areas of study; many **full-text** articles.

Try the **SUBJECT TERMS** tab to be sure you and ASP are using the same vocabulary.

Limit search to: items available in **full text**; **peer-reviewed** items; items **held at CCC**

Newsbank: *Newsfile* (Full text articles from > newspapers) & *Oregonian*

*** Other article indexes exist! If you are not getting enough information from *Academic Search Elite*, ask us!

Obtaining Articles Owned at CCC: Alphabetical by journal title in the **Periodicals** section.
 Not owned at CCC: Request an article by **Interlibrary Loan** (form at Circulation Desk)
 Check **Summit** (formerly ORBIS) for other area libraries that own the title



World Wide Web Resources: a few good starting points

(see also Research Gateway >> Selected Websites)

About.Com (commercial)	www.about.com	
First Gov (index to U.S. govt. resources)	www.firstgov.gov	
Google (commercial)	www.google.com	Try out the Directory! (click “More...”)
Infomine (Univ. Cal. Riverside)	infomine.ucr.edu	
Internet Public Library	www.ipl.org	
Librarians’ Index to the Internet	lii.org	
Scout Report Archives	scout.cs.wisc.edu/archives	

REMEMBER: Information available on the Web is information that people are willing to **give away**. Be skeptical, and evaluate the credibility of the information using the **same criteria** (author’s credentials, publisher’s reputation, writing style and accuracy, references cited...) you would with print material.

Citing Your Sources: Style Guides

At CCC, the most commonly used formats for writing your citations (references) are:

MLA (Modern Language Assn) in the humanities; **APA** (Am. Psychological Assn) for science and social science.

We have prepared **brief** style guides, available at the handouts kiosk. For more complete information consult:

The MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, Ref, LB 2369 .G53 2003. Web: www.mla.org

Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, Ref, LB 2369 .P83 2001. Web: www.apastyle.org