How to Find what you are looking for at TRCC's Library

Getting to the Library:

- <u>https://www.trcc.commnet.edu/library/</u>
- From <u>https://www.trcc.commnet.edu</u> look for "Learning Resources" and select "Library" (approximately halfway down the menu)
- Search Engine (ex: Google, Yahoo!, etc.) Search: TRCC Library
 - careful because there is also Three Rivers Community College in Missouri, if the color scheme is Yellow and Black you are in the wrong place
- In myCommNet look for "My Library Info" and select "Three Rivers Community College Library"

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Learning Resources Overview Bookstore ePortfolio: Digication Educational Technology The Gallery Library Learning Disability Resources Social Media Schedules Program (ver 4.0) for Student Course Planing Dit Tutoring – TASC Veterans

Where to Search

- Catalog/Search4It
- Databases
 - Reference Material
 - Journal Articles
 - o Newspapers

Donald R. Welter Library

Library Hours

<u>Summer Hours</u> Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 6:00 pm Friday: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

<u>CLOSED</u>

Friday, August 9th for Professional Development

<u>Fall & Spring Hours</u> Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 8:00 pm Friday: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Library Resources

Library Catalog (Books, etc.)

Library Databases (Articles, etc.)

- Search4lt (All Library Resources)
- Electronic Books

Films on Demand

Library Catalog Library Databases Search4lt Journals by Title Citation Style Guides Research Guides

RESOURCES

Research Tools

- How do I get started?
- **Research Guides for Courses**
- Video Tutorials
- Research Skills & Strategies
- **Citation Manuals**

How to Search

Searching for information may sound like a pretty simple task, and indeed it can be at times. However, to find the best and most relevant information for your research it is important to have a strategy based off how information discovery tools like an online catalog or database work.

First, it is important to understand how an online search engine is different from the search tools a library has. Search engines like Google act like a phone book for the internet; it provides links to take you to websites outside the search engine but almost none of the websites it will direct you to are actually monitored or held by the search engine company. In contrast, library databases are more like the library itself; the resources you find are curated and stored within the database and records help you determine which resource you want to access. This simultaneously can give you confidence in the quality of information that comes up in your search results while also avoiding paywalls that can prevent you from accessing expensive journals and articles.

Now for a quick bit of terminology so you can best determine which library resource you need to access. A catalog contains records for what librarians refer to as "whole items" while a database contains "partial items." To understand the difference between these terms it is best to think of a magazine you like. In my case this might be *American Libraries*. This magazine would be considered a "whole item" because it is not part of a larger item and can be broken down into smaller parts, or articles in this case, that can either be put in a database or left as part of the whole. A "partial item," in contrast would be an article such as "Battling Information Illiteracy" which appeared in the July edition of *American Libraries*. Books, too, can be broken down into chapters making the book the "whole item" and the chapter the "partial item." It is rare to find chapters individually listed in a database, however, so you will likely have to find the whole book to find the chapter you are looking for.

Once you know if you need to look in a catalog or a database you can follow the same strategy to find the information that you need. It is a strategy that I like to sum up as "Search Broad, Filter Narrow."

What this means in practice can look something like this:

• Go to either the catalog or a database you would like to search (for the purposes of this demonstration I will be using Academic Search Premier)

Donald R. Welter Library Electronic	RESOURCES Library Catalog Library Databases Search4lt Journals by Title Citation Style Guides Research Guides
General Databases	Subject Specific Databases
All Subjects	Art
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Films on Demand 🕐	Business
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Locate the search bar

Searching: Acade	mic Search Pre	mier Choose Data	bases			
Enter any words to find books, journals and more			×	Search	?	
Search Options >	Basic Search	Advanced Search	Search History			

- While many search bars are easy to locate because the catalog or database home page is not very cluttered you may have to look on some reference databases or Films on Demand which put a lot more clickable links on their home page. Generally, the search bar is indicated by a magnifying glass icon and/or the word "Search" and a white, rectangular field.
- In the search bar type the 1 or 2 (3 if absolutely necessary) words that sum up what you are looking for information about the best and hit "Search"

Searching: Academic Search Premier Choose Databases			
job prospects	×	Search	?
job prospects job prospects for college graduates			

- Notice that suggested terms appear in the drop down menu. Unlike Google where these terms are commonly searched terms, this menu is giving you controlled vocabulary that appears in subject terms within the database. While you may be interested in the content of the longer term, it is still best to stick to the broad term so as not to eliminate any potential resources that were not given the overly specific subject term.
- Most likely, you will have a lot more results than you can easily search through, most of
 - which are about your topic, but not related to your research question

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EBSCOhost	Searching: Academic Search Premier Choose Databases							
	job prospects	×	Search					
	Basic Search Advanced Search Search History +							
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- In order to reduce the number of results you need to search through you will be using the filters provided by the database. In Academic Search Premier, the library catalog, the newspaper databases, and many other databases the filters will be on the left-hand side of the results page. If they are not there you may have to search for a drop-down menu with the word "filter" in its title.
 - The most useful filters for searching:
 - Source Type
 - Publication date
 - Subject



- The goal should be to get the number of results to somewhere between 35-75 documents. This is enough to likely find a relevant resource while not being too much to look through
 - If you are not getting any results that are useful, then you can go back and revisit your original search terms. Only do this once you have run out of filtering options

Catalog/Database Features

- Search All CSCU Libraries
 - This feature in the catalog allows you to search for loanable items at all libraries within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system
 - As a student within the CSCU system you have access to all of these libraries and can have the item you want delivered right here to TRCC for pick up at the library circulation desk
 - When in the library catalog change "TRCC Catalog (Books, etc.)" to "Search All CSCU Libraries"

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• Enter your search term



 When you find an item that is not in the TRCC collection but you would like to borrow it, click on the record



Under the heading "Availability" select "Request"



• The system should automatically fill all required information. Double check to make sure everything is accurate and hit "Submit"

Resource Information:	
Citation type:	Book Orticle
Title:	Opportunities in advertising
Author (Last name, first name):	Pattis, S. William
Volume:	
Delivery Information:	
Preferred Pickup	Three Divers Community College
Institution:	Three Rivers Community College
Not Needed After:	×
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Databases to Keep in Mind

Academic Search Premier is a large database consisting mostly of scholarly articles, an excellent resource for most research

JSTOR is similar to Academic Search Premier, though it tends to have a better selection of articles in the humanities

CQ Researcher and Opposing Viewpoints provide introductory access to current topics that you may be unfamiliar with

> Britanica Academic and Credo Reference are online encyclopedias that provide introductory articles on a wide range of topics. Credo Reference's Mind Map function can also be useful for brainstorming search terms and topics

The library alos provides students with access to a useful collection of both historic and contemporary newspapers covering regional and national news

Films on Demand is a database of videos, primarily documentaries but some feature videos as well, covering a wide range of topics in many different fields

General Databases	Subject Specific Databases	reso
All Subjects	Art	
Academic Search Premier 👔	JSTOR: Arts & Sciences Collection I 🕐	
Films on Demand 👔	Business	JSTOR IS SIII
ISTOR: Arts & Sciences Collection I	ABI/Inform Complete (2)	Preimer, un
Nexis Uni (formerly LexisNexis)	Business Source Premier ②	better selec
MainFile 🕐	Hoover's Company Profiles 🛞	numanities
MasterFILE Premier 👔	Nexis Uni (formerly LexisNexis) 👔	
All EBSCO Databases	Regional Business News 👔	
All ProQuest Databases	Education	CQ Resea
Current and Controversial Issues	ERIC @	viewpoin
CQ Researcher 🔋	Professional Development Collection	access to
Opposing Viewpoints in Context 👔	Teacher Reference Center	be unfam
TopicSearch 👔	Health	
Electronic Books	CINAHL	
Ebook Central 👔	Health Source: Nursing & Academic Edition ③	
Credo Reference 👔	Medline ③	
EBSCO Electronic Books 👔	History	Britar
Reference	Britannica Original Sources 👔	Refer
Biography Reference Bank (?)	History Reference Center 🕐	that p
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Britannica Academic 👔	Legal Information Reference Center 🕐	Refer
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Newspapers	JSTOR: Arts & Sciences Collection I (2)	
Hartford Courant 👔	Literary Reference Center 👔	
Historical Hartford Courant 🕐	Psychology	
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New York Times	PsycInfo	with ac
Newspaper Source Plus 🛞	Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection (?)	both hi
US Dailies	Science	newspa
Wall Street Journal	GreenFILE 🛞	nationa
Washington Post	JSTOR: Biological Sciences Collection 👔	
Streaming Videos	Science Reference Center 🕢	
Films on Demand ?	Specialized Databases	
Капору	European Views of the Americas	
	Library, Info Science & Technology 🍞	Films on
	Referencia Latina 🕐	