

ENG K096 & K101—Accessing Library Resources

Why should you use library resources?

Library databases offer **reliable resources** and **trustworthy information** appropriate for academic research.

TRCC Library subscribes to over 50 academic research databases. You may want to begin your research with one of these general databases:

Academic Search Premier (under *All Subjects*)

An extensive scholarly, **multi-disciplinary** database of articles from academic journals and magazines.

Opposing Viewpoints in Context (under *Current & Controversial Issues*)

Contains resources concerning **social issues** from magazine, newspaper and journal articles.

CQ Researcher (under *Current & Controversial Issues*)

Provides original, in-depth coverage of **political and social issues** in the news, with reports on topics in health, international affairs, education, the environment, technology and the U.S. economy.

CredoReference (under *Reference*)

Contains over 500 online full-text **reference** books covering a wide variety of subjects, including general dictionaries, general and specialized encyclopedias, and collections of quotations.

Most databases offer the following features:

- **Printing** full articles
- **Saving** articles to a hard drive or flash drive
- **Emailing** articles

New features available in many databases include:

- Article **citations** in MLA or APA style
- The option to create a unique **personal account** so that you can easily access saved articles.

Accessing Databases

- Access myCommNet at <http://my.commnet.edu>
 1. Enter your **Banner ID student number** (12345678@student.commnet.edu)
 2. Enter your **password**.
 3. Click the **My Library Info** tab and choose **Three Rivers Community College**
 4. Select a database.
- OR
1. Go to <http://www.threerivers.edu>
 2. Select Quick Links for Current Students
 3. Select Learning Resources, then Library
 4. Click Library Databases and select a database.

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How do I find books?

- Access Search4It at <http://library.ct.edu/trcc>
- Click the magnifying glass in the Search Anything bar
- Click the down arrow next to TRCC Quick Search
- Choose TRCC Catalog (Books, etc.)
- Search by title, author or subject to locate library materials.

What is Search4It and what can it do?

- Search4It is a discovery system that allows you to search and connect to most of TRCC library's resources all in one place.
- Search4It allows you to access and request physical materials from any of the CSU library collections.

What if I need to choose a topic but don't know where to start?

- *Opposing Viewpoints in Context* and *CQ Researcher* provide easy browsing for current or controversial issues.

How do I find magazine, journal or newspaper articles?

- Log in to myCommNet
- Click the Library tab. A list of databases will appear.
- *Academic Search Premier* is a good general database to begin your research.

What's the easiest way to search a library database?

- Keep it *simple*.
- Enter only the *key terms* of your search topic. Don't enter a question, long phrase or thesis statement.
- *Browse* through your list of results. When you find a relevant article, look at the terms or *subject headings* used in that article and use those in a new search to hit on more relevant results.



Fall and Spring hours

Monday—Thursday
8:30 am—8:00 pm
Friday
8:30 am—3:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday
Closed



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