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## Lamar Memorial Library @ Maryville College

### Information Seeking Strategies: Location and Access of Information

#### Internet Resources

- Internet resources can be very useful for the finding the most current information on a topic.
- Many Internet resources provide news and statistical information on topic.
- You must critically evaluate the information found on Internet sites because the information could be inaccurate, biased, misleading, or false.
- The **C.R.A.P.** Test for Source Evaluation

#### Where can I find these resources?

- Several Internet search engines will help you to find quality information. Recommended search engines are:

Google Scholar



ProQuest Discovery Guides



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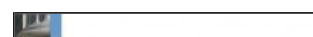
#### Topic Selection and Reference Sources

- Reference sources can provide background, historical, and statistical information on your topic.
- Reference sources will help you to identify key concepts and related terms associated with your topic.
- Reference sources will also help you to narrow and define your topic and to determine whether sufficient research/information exists on your topic.
- The *CQ Researcher* and *Points of View* function as "current topics" reference sources and provide an excellent overview of a particular topic. **However, sources like the *CQ Researcher* and *Points of View* should not be your only source for research!**

#### Where can I find these resources?

- Go to the McQuest main menu and select the link, **Selected Reference books** (or click [here](#)).
- Select the subject link to see titles of reference books with information on this subject.
- Record the call numbers for any reference titles that could potentially provide useful information for your research.
- Reference books are located in the reference collection on the east end of the main floor of the library.

Points of View



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Researcher



ProCon.org



### Books

- Books will provide in-depth information on your topic.
- Books may also provide comprehensive histories on your topic.
- Books will help to put your topic in context with other important issues.
- Books will provide summaries of research to support an argument .

### Where can I find these resources?

- Go to the McQuest main menu and select the link, **Search for Books, Journal Titles, or Films** (or click [here](#)).
- Perform a keyword or phrase search on your topic. Use Boolean operators to connect your terms (e.g. gun control **and** government)
- From the results list, select titles that are relevant to your topic.
- Identify whether the book has a call number OR a web link to the Internet (for online books).
- The majority of books in print are located in *Main Stacks*, which is downstairs in the library. Check the *STATUS* of the book to make sure it is available.

### Journal, Magazine, and Newspaper Articles

- Journal, magazine, and newspaper articles contain the most current *print* information on a topic.
- Articles can be scholarly (written by an expert in the field) or it can be general (written for a general audience by staff writers and/or editors).

### Where can I find these resources?

- Go to the McQuest main menu and select the link, **Databases by Subject**.
- On the next screen, select the link **General Resources** (or click [here](#)).
- These databases are excellent resources for finding articles and other relevant information:

JSTOR



Project  
Muse



BioOne



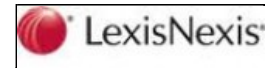
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- Enter keywords or phrases associated with your topic and limit to peer-reviewed publications if you need scholarly sources.
- If the article or information you need is not available in full-text in the database, do the following:
  - Look for the *Check LinkSource for full text* link in the list of results.
  - Search for the journal title in the **Library's print collection.**

### Ask a Librarian

- If you cannot find the information you need, please ask the librarian at the **Research Assistance Desk** for help. The reference librarian will direct you to and teach you to use sources that may contain useful information for your topic.

### Where can I find the reference librarian?

- Reference librarians are available during the follow times at the **Research Assistance desk** in the Library:
  - Monday - Thursday, 7:30 am - 4:00 pm; 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
  - Friday, 7:30 am - 5:00 pm
  - Saturday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
  - Sunday, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm ; 7:00 pm - 12:00 am
- For research assistance over the phone, please call 981-8256.