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Introduction to Library Research

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St. Lawrence University Libraries’ Homepage

- RESEARCH is front and center
- Two ways to search library holdings
- COURSE approach to readings and resources
Encore – Search for books, videos, digital collections...

- Enter a keyword search in Encore to find books, videos and digital collections
- Use the asterisk for search for all keywords beginning with the root: Mexico/Mexican literature/literatura
- Input keywords in Spanish for books in Spanish

- You can refine your results by format, location, language, date...
- And, you can use Tags to refine your results by subject
• This book is AVAILABLE in the ODY Upper Level, under the Library of Congress Call Number PQ 7237.E5 B67 2006

• We often include Tables of Contents to enrich keyword searching.

• If this book had been checked-out, you could use ConnectNY to request a copy from another college in New York.

• Add the citation for this book to your RefWorks account so you can include it in your research and bibliography later.
Finding Journals

- Use the **Journal Titles** tab when you want to find out if SLU has a subscription to a specific magazine or journal.

  ![Journal Titles Tab Image]

- This tells you that we have Hispanic Review online in 6 collections.

- Be sure to check the **from/to** dates that accompany each option.
Finding Journal Articles

- All of the disciplines taught at St. Lawrence are displayed on the library homepage.
- GENERAL SOURCES is an excellent starting place for many researchers.
- There’s no one, single “right” index. Use a combination if indexes to do comprehensive research.
- **Academic Search Complete** provides broad, multi-disciplinary coverage and supports “Federated Searching”.
Before you enter search terms, click on **Choose Databases** to search multiple indexes at the same time.

Check off all of the indexes that pertain to your research topic and search them simultaneously (this is called Federated Searching).
• Enter appropriate keywords.

• You can restrict your results to Scholarly(Peer Reviewed) Journals only if you wish.

• The FULL TEXT of many articles is available online.

• HTML Full Text – words only, prints quickly.

• PDF Full Text – words, graphics, and charts are included; might take awhile to download and print.

• Linked Full Text – takes you to a PDF in another database.
• Use **FIND@SLU** to locate journal articles that are not FULL TEXT.

• As you find useful citations, click on **Add to Folder** for eventual export to **RefWorks**.

• If we don’t have a subscription to the journal you need, you can request the article via **Interlibrary Loan**
Finding and Evaluating Websites

- Use the **Google Advanced Search** to find websites with domains of .org, .edu, .gov...

**Ipl2 – Information you can Trust**

- **Ipl2.org** provides access to “authoritative, high-quality, trustworthy” websites
Web Pages Evaluation Criteria

AUTHORITY

- Who wrote the page?
  Look for the author's name, a copyright credit (©), contact information or link to an organization.
  Look for biographical information or the author's affiliations (university department, organization, corporate title, etc.). Can these be verified?
  Has the author published books or journal articles?

- Whose web site is this?
  Look at the domain (.com, .edu, .org, .gov etc.).
  Look for an "about this site" link.
  Be careful of a web page that has a tilde (~) in the URL, as this usually identifies a personal directory on a web site.

CURRENCY

- Is the information up-to-date?
  Is there a date at the top or bottom of the page?
  Don’t confuse currency of content with last update of the page.
  Compare the information on the web page to information available through other sources.
  Broken links are one measure of an out-of-date page.

OBJECTIVITY

- Is the author being objective or biased?
  Biased information is not necessarily "bad", but take the bias into account when interpreting or using the information given.
  Are the facts accurately and completely cited?
  Is the author fair, balanced, and moderate in his/her views, or is the author overly emotional or extreme?
Interlibrary Loan

- Click on **Interlibrary Loan**, found under **My Accounts** on the Library Homepage.

- Click on **First Time Users** on the first screen, then **First Time Users Click Here** at the bottom of the next screen, to open up a new account.

- Although you don’t have to, use your SLU network id and password, so you won’t forget it.
If you click on the Illiad link above, the request will be filled in for you.

Thanks for attending!
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