



# Library Services Course Guide ~ Library Science

## About our Course Guides:

Each page is dedicated to the areas covered by the courses offered here at RPCC. Each page lists various types of resources, including printable guides and handouts, suggested databases for research, selected e-books and books in our collection, and links to relevant online resources.

## For more information on course offerings, visit the following web pages:

Catalogs: <http://www.rpcc.edu/catalogs.cfm>

Technical Programs: <http://www.rpcc.edu/technicalPrograms.cfm>

## Suggested Databases:

Click on any **Databases** link on the Library website to access these. Please note that access from off-campus will require your Library User ID (or Alt ID) & PIN, or, for some resources, a different User ID & Password. See our page on [Using Online Library Resources From Home](#).

- **Academic Search Complete**
- **CQ Researcher**
- **EBSCOhost - All Databases**
- **Encyclopædia Britannica Online**
- **JSTOR- The Scholarly Journal Archive**
- **LexisNexis**
- **Library, Information Science, and Technology Abstracts with Full-Text (LISTA)**
- **Oxford Reference Online**

## Selected E-Books:

The **eBook Collection** from EBSCOhost is our largest provider of e-books (electronic copies of printed books PDF format), available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. **eBook Collection** has an easy-to-use search interface. You will be prompted to login with your 12-digit Library User ID to access these e-books from off-campus. Please see our Tutorials on eBook Collection from EBSCOhost for more information.

- *Gentle Guide to Research Methods*, 2007, by Sally Rumsey.
- *How to Find Information: a Guide for Researchers*, 2nd Edition, 2008, by Sally Rumsey.
- *Information Literacy: Search Strategies, Tools & Resources for High School Students and College Freshmen*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, 2008, by Zorana Ercegovic.
- *Practical Research Methods: A User-friendly Guide to Mastering Research Techniques and Projects*, 2002, by Catherine Dawson.

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## Locations of Library Science Resources in the Library:

Library Science-related topics can be found in resources located in these Library of Congress call number ranges:

- **BF76.5 to BF76.8** - Psychology -- Research.
- **LB2369** - Preparation of theses. Including research and thesis writing; also the preparation of papers and reports.
- **ZA3060 to ZA3075** - Information resources -- Research. How to find information, including information literacy.

## Selected Books in the Library:

- *100% Information Literacy Success*, 2007.  
Call number: **ZA 3075 .T394 2007**
- *The APA Style of Documentation: A Pocket Guide*, 2010.  
Call number: **BF 76.8 .P75 2010**
- *APA: The Easy Way!*, 2nd Edition, 2009.  
Call number: **BF 76.7 H68 2009**
- *Bookmarks: A Guide to Research and Writing*, 3rd Edition, 2006.  
Call number: **LB 2369 .R88 2006**
- *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Research Methods*, 2004.  
Call number: **ZA 3075 .R696 2004**
- *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 7th Edition, 2009.  
Call number: **LB 2369 .T8 2007**
- *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 7th Edition, 2009.  
Call number: **LB 2369 .G53 2009**
- *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 6th Edition, 2010.  
Call number: **BF 76.7 .P83 2010**, two copies, one copy is Reference.
- *Research: The Student's Guide to Writing Research Papers*, 4th Edition, 2004.  
Call number: **LB 2369 .V43 2004**
- *The Research Process: Books & Beyond*, 4th Edition, 2007.  
Call number: **ZA 3060 .B655 2007**
- *Writing Research Papers: A Complete Guide*, 11th Edition, 2005.  
Call number: **LB 2369 .L4 2005**

## Online Resources:

The following resources have been reviewed and selected in collaboration with relevant faculty. Please note that websites outside of RPCC are beyond our control. We strive to ensure that the sites that we recommend are reliable and valid sources of high-quality information. Please let us know if you find any consistently dead links.

### Research Process & Writing

- **Basic Steps in the Research Process**,  
<http://www.crlsresearchguide.org/>  
from the Cambridge Rindge & Latin School, Research Guide. This source emphasizes that the research process is not a fixed process, but varies with the individual and his/her needs.
- **Conducting Research**  
<http://www.archives.gov/education/research/>  
using the National Archives; pay particular attention to "Finding" & "Citing" Primary Sources.

- **How to Avoid Plagiarism,**  
<http://www.umuc.edu/ewc/tutorial/start.shtml>  
from the University of Maryland University College Effective Writing Center. This site offers a tutorial in two formats.
- **The Plagiarism Court,**  
[http://www.fairfield.edu/media/flash/library/lib\\_plagicourt.swf](http://www.fairfield.edu/media/flash/library/lib_plagicourt.swf)  
from Fairfield University, this interactive tutorial includes a quiz.
- **The Seven Steps of the Research Process,**  
<http://www.library.cornell.edu/olinuris/ref/research/skill1.htm>  
from Olin & Uris Libraries at Cornell University.
- **OWL - Purdue Online Writing Lab**  
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>  
offers excellent help with research, writing, citation, and more.

### Searching for & Evaluating Sources

- **Bare Bones 101: A Basic Tutorial on Searching the Web,**  
<http://www.sc.edu/beaufort/library/pages/bones/bones.shtml>  
From the University of South Carolina Beaufort Library.
- **Evaluating Information - The CRAAP Test,**  
[http://www.csuchico.edu/lins/handouts/eval\\_websites.pdf](http://www.csuchico.edu/lins/handouts/eval_websites.pdf)  
From Meriam Library at California State University, Chico; this is a quick guide to use to evaluate information in any format.
- **Finding Information on the Internet: A Tutorial,**  
<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/FindInfo.html>  
From the University of California Berkeley Library, this offers information on search strategy, evaluation, style guides, and more.

### Other Libraries

#### Louisiana Academic Libraries

- **LSU Libraries** - <http://www.lib.lsu.edu/>
- **McNeese: Frazar Library** - <http://library.mcneese.edu/>
- **Nicholls: Ellender Memorial Library** - <http://www.nicholls.edu/library/>
- **Our Lady of the Lake College Library** -  
<http://www.ololcollege-edu.org/content/student-life-college-library>
- **SLU: Sims Memorial Library** - <http://www.selu.edu/library/>
- **Southern: John B. Cade Library** - <http://www.lib.subr.edu/>
- **ULL: Edith Garland Dupré Library** - <http://library.louisiana.edu/>
- **UNO: Earl K. Long Library** - <http://library.uno.edu/>
- **LOUISiana Union Catalog** - <http://search.louislibraries.org/> - This allows users to search some or all LOUIS member library catalogs

#### Louisiana Public Libraries (Local)

- **Ascension Parish Public Library** - <http://main.ascension.lib.la.us/>
- **Assumption Parish Public Library** - <http://www.assumption.lib.la.us/>
- **East Baton Rouge Parish Public Library** - <http://www.ebr.lib.la.us/>
- **Iberville Parish Public Library** - <http://www.iberville.lib.la.us/>
- **Livingston Parish Public Library** - <http://www.mypl.info/>

- **St. Charles Parish Public Library** - <http://www.stcharles.lib.la.us/>
- **St. James Parish Public Library** - <http://www.stjames.lib.la.us/>
- **St. John Parish Public Library** - <http://www.stjohn.lib.la.us/>
- **Tangipahoa Parish Public Library** - <http://www.tangilibrary.com/>
- **See the Louisiana Library Connection** - <http://lalibcon.state.lib.la.us/catalogs.php>, to access other parish's library catalogs.

#### **State, Federal, and Online Libraries**

- **State Library of Louisiana (Baton Rouge)** - <http://www.state.lib.la.us/>
- **LOUISiana Digital Library** - <http://louisdl.louislibraries.org/>
- **ipl2 : Internet Public Library** - <http://www.ipl.org/>
- **Library of Congress** - <http://www.loc.gov/index.html>
  - **Center for the Book** - <http://www.loc.gov/loc/cfbook/>
  - **Law Library of Congress** - <http://www.loc.gov/law/public/law.html>
- **National Agriculture Library** - <http://www.nalusda.gov/>
- **National Archives** - <http://www.archives.gov/index.html>
  - **Presidential Libraries** - <http://www.archives.gov/presidential-libraries/index.html>
- **National Library of Medicine** - <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/>
- **World Digital Library** - <http://www.wdl.org/en/>