

HOW TO BEGIN RESEARCH

- **Compile a list of subject key words.** You will use them when researching
- Think of synonyms (words that mean the same thing)
- Check the spelling. Searching in the library catalog or databases won't correct your spelling.
- **Start small.** Find between 5-10 resources that match your subject. Analyze these sources for your paper before gathering more.
- **Create a rough outline.** Based on the information you have already collected, write down a summary of what you want to cover in your paper.

WHERE TO LOOK FOR INFORMATION

When should I use books?

- For in-depth overviews or historical background on a subject.
- Look for books using the Catalog on the Library website.

When should I use a database?

- For scholarly research articles that give specific case data or recent developments in an area.
- Access databases from the **Useful Links** bar in the Catalog.

When should I use the Web?

- For demographic statistics or VERY current information that has not yet been published academically

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WRITING HELP

Sentence Basics: diction, usage, and mechanics

LB 1964 .S6 1994

The Student Writer: editor and critic

PE 1408 .C537 2010

A Troubleshooting Guide for Writers: strategies and process

PE 1408 .C5378 2010

The McGraw Hill Handbook

PE 1408 ..M3365 2010

Text and Thought: an integrated approach to college reading and writing

PE 1413 .R38 2000

Purdue Online Writing Lab

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>

Medicine Spring Library

338-5441 x2701

<http://library.bfcc.edu>

Blackfeet Community College

517 SE Boundary St.

PO Box 819

Browning, MT 59417

WORK- FORCE DIVISION



Research at:

Medicine

Spring

Library

Books

The following are Library of Congress sections for possible Liberal Arts research topics

Q Science

R Medicine

S Agriculture

T Technology

TA	Civil Engineering
TC	Hydraulic Engineering
TD	Environmental Technology
TE	Highway Engineering
TF	Railroad Engineering
TG	Bridge Engineering
TH	Building Construction
TJ	Mechanical Engineering
TK	Electrical Engineering

Interlibrary Loan

If there is a book that you need for your research please see the library staff to help you get an interlibrary loan.

To help staff out please find the item you are looking for in <http://www.worldcat.org> before asking.

Databases

EBSCO Host

- Provides online access to several Liberal Arts research publications.
 - GreenFILE
 - Academic Search Elite
 - Auto Repair Reference Center
- Small Engine Repair Reference Center

Credo Reference

- Encyclopedic entries on any subject. A good place to start basic research.

Print Journals

American Forests

SD 1 .A55

Field & Stream

SK 1 .F44

Montana Outdoors

SK 417 .M75

National Parks Magazine

S 964.66 .N35

Outdoor Life

SK 1 .O7

Scientific American

T 1 .S5

State of Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology

TD 224 .M9 M55

Western Horseman

SF 244 .W52

Websites

Solar Energy

- Energy.gov
<http://energy.gov/science-innovation/energy-sources/renewable-energy/solar>
- American Solar Energy Society (AMES)
<http://www.ases.org/>
- U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA)
<http://www.eia.gov/>

Electrical Technology

- Electrical Technology
<http://electricaltechnology.org/>
- Montana State Electrical Board
http://bsd.dli.mt.gov/license/bsd_boards/ele_board/board_page.asp

Construction/Building Trades

- U.S. Department of Labor
<https://www.osha.gov/doc/>
- National Association of Women in Construction
<http://www.nawic.org/nawic/default.asp>
- Blackfeet Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance and Safety Enforcement Act 2010
<http://www.nawic.org/nawic/default.asp>