

# LIBRARY RESEARCH GUIDE



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*Consult subject dictionaries and encyclopedias for background on your topic. Keep a list of search terms.*

## 1. SELECTED REFERENCE BOOKS

(Located in Peninsula College Library Reference)

### GENERAL ENCYCLOPEDIAS & DICTIONARIES

ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA  
OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY  
AMERICAN HERITAGE DICTIONARY

### SUBJECT ENCYCLOPEDIAS & DICTIONARIES

INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SOCIAL AND  
BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (R H41 .I58 2001)  
Contents to the abstract level online at:  
<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/reference/works/9780080430768>

NEW GROVE'S DICTIONARY OF MUSIC AND  
MUSICIANS 2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION.  
(Located in Reference: R ML100.N48 2001)

## 2. HOW TO FIND MORE SEARCH TERMS

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS SUBJECT HEADINGS (LCSH)

(or browse *Academic Search Premier* or *ProQuest* to find their thesauri of subject terms)

*Start your research with words! Find search terms in LCSH to search catalogs and indexes.*

## 3. LIBRARY CATALOGS (Books)

PENINSULA COLLEGE LIBRARY  
<http://peninsula.library.ctc.edu>

NORTH OLYMPIC LIBRARY SYSTEM  
<http://www.nols.org/online.htm>

WORLDCAT <http://www.worldcat.org/>



For more links go to: <http://pclibrary.blogspot.com>  
**Peninsula College Library Biblio-Bits Blog**

*Do you need to find journal articles?  
Use a print or deep web periodical index.*

## 4. LIBRARY DATABASES

A-TO-Z E-JOURNALS INDEX  
ACADEMIC SEARCH PREMIER  
ACCESS SCIENCE  
CQ RESEARCHER  
EBRARY ACADEMIC COMPLETE  
E-LIBRARY  
ENVIRONMENT COMPLETE  
HISTORY RESOURCE CENTER  
LITERARY DATABASES  
MAGILL ON LITERATURE PLUS  
PROQUEST

## 5. QUALITY SURFACE WEB INDEXES

GOOGLE SCHOLAR <http://scholar.google.com>  
USA.GOV <http://usa.gov>  
SCIRUS.COM <http://www.scirus.com/srsapp/>  
LIBRARIAN'S INDEX TO THE INTERNET  
<http://www.lii.org>  
INGENTACONNECT [www.ingentaconnect.com](http://www.ingentaconnect.com)



*When you find information on the web,  
evaluate its authority and accuracy.*

## 6. CRITICAL EVALUATION OF INFORMATION

- ✓ WHO CREATED IT? (WHAT CREDENTIALS?)
- ✓ WHERE WAS IT CREATED? (DOMAIN?)
- ✓ WHY WAS IT CREATED? (INFORM? ENTERTAIN?)
- ✓ WHEN WAS IT CREATED? (OR LAST UPDATED?)
- ✓ HOW RELIABLE? (COMPARED TO OTHER SOURCES)

### INTERLIBRARY LOAN REQUEST FORM

<http://pc/enrolled/lmc/interlibrary/default.asp>

*Need a book our library doesn't have?  
We can get it through interlibrary loan,  
and it's free of charge for PC students.*

Get a KCLS library card and get FREE 24/7 access - via the web -- to over 60 databases.

### PUBLIC LIBRARY ONLINE RESOURCES

#### KING COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

<http://www.kcls.org>

Free library card allows access to 80+ databases.

#### NORTH OLYMPIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

<http://www.nols.org/online.htm>

Database access requires free library card.

NOLS has OED and Literary Resource Center.

When you use someone's ideas, cite your sources to give credit.

### SOURCE DOCUMENTATION

#### USING APA FORMAT (5<sup>th</sup> edition)

(American Psychological Association)

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/08/>

#### USING MLA FORMAT (6<sup>th</sup> edition)

(Modern Language Association)

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/557/06/>

#### CBE CITATION GUIDE

<http://library.osu.edu/sites/guides/cbegd.html>

From Council of Scientific Editors:

[http://www.councilscienceeditors.org/publications/citing\\_internet.cfm](http://www.councilscienceeditors.org/publications/citing_internet.cfm)

Scientific Style and Format, 7<sup>th</sup> edition  
June 2006



For more links go to:

#### Peninsula College Library Biblio-Bits Blog

<http://pc-library.blogspot.com>



Experience the pleasure of browsing the Peninsula College library book stacks!

### LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CLASSIFICATION

- A -- GENERAL WORKS
- B -- PHILOSOPHY. PSYCHOLOGY. RELIGION
- C -- AUXILIARY SCIENCES OF HISTORY
- D -- HISTORY (GENERAL) AND HISTORY OF EUROPE
- E -- HISTORY: AMERICA
- F -- HISTORY: AMERICA
- G -- GEOGRAPHY. ANTHROPOLOGY. RECREATION
- H -- SOCIAL SCIENCES
- J -- POLITICAL SCIENCE
- K -- LAW
- L -- EDUCATION
- M -- MUSIC AND BOOKS ON MUSIC
- N -- FINE ARTS
- P -- LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
- Q -- SCIENCE
- R -- MEDICINE
- S -- AGRICULTURE
- T -- TECHNOLOGY
- U -- MILITARY SCIENCE
- V -- NAVAL SCIENCE
- Z -- BIBLIOGRAPHY. LIBRARY SCIENCE. INFORMATION RESOURCES (GENERAL)