Off-Campus Access

- Go to library home page [http://www.kutztown.edu/library](http://www.kutztown.edu/library)
- Under the heading Find Information click on “Articles and Databases”
- Use the search tools or subject lists to find a collection, OR
- If you already know the name of the database you’d like to use, click on the appropriate letter to use the alphabetical list of databases.
- Requires KU ID card and registration, or your network ID, to access from off-campus.

Finding Books and Audiovisual Materials

**Online Catalog:** The Rohrbach Library catalog allows you to search all of the Library’s collections including the Main Collection, Curriculum Materials, Library Science, A/V Materials, Maps, etc. To get to the library’s catalog, go to Find Information, click on Catalogs and select Rohrbach Library.

**Article Databases**

- **CQ Researcher Electronic Database** – Each weekly issue explores a current news topic in depth. To access click on Articles and E-Journals, then “C,” then CQ Researcher
- **Pick something that interests you!**
- **Look for the boxes on the screen that have past and future topics.**
- **Use Browse by Year to find more topics.**
- **Remember to use the footnotes, the Bibliography section and Next Step for additional sources including websites**

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In addition to CQ Researcher, some other databases to search for this class include:


**Academic Search Complete (EBSCO):** Designed specifically for academic institutions, this is a valuable and comprehensive scholarly, multi-disciplinary full-text database, with more than 5,300 full-text periodicals, including 4,400 peer-reviewed journals.

**America's Newspaper Collection:** Fully searchable online newspaper database includes the complete electronic editions of more than 1,000 U.S. newspapers.

**Research Library (ProQuest):** Excellent multidisciplinary resource. There are several databases in Proquest: ABI/INFORM (Business Information), GenderWatch, and Research Library all contain articles about current issues from a variety of newspapers, magazines and journals.

**ABI/Inform Complete (ProQuest):** search worldwide business periodicals for information on advertising, marketing, economics, human resources, finance, taxation, computers, and more. Also, information on 60,000+ companies. Search the *Wall Street Journal* here.

**Other Research Tools**

- **Search E-books** - search the library's collection of full-text electronic books.
- **EndNote Web** - online bibliographic management tool (click here for a quick tutorial on setting up your account).
- **Google Scholar** - use Google Scholar to search the library's electronic journal subscriptions.
- **Tutorials** - a list of tutorials we've developed to help you use our electronic resources.
- **Lib Guide** – Under Research Help, click on Research Guides. This takes you to our LibGuides page at [http://libguides.kutztown.edu/](http://libguides.kutztown.edu/). Select Speech for online guides on this subject.

**Speeches Online**

(You can directly link into these sites from the Lib Guide on Speech. Go to the Research guide: Informative & persuasive speeches)

- **American Rhetoric Online Speech Bank** This tremendous archive has audio, video and text by scores of great speakers. Coverage ranges from Barack Obama's inaugural address back to the early 20th century.
- **History Channel speech archive** Brace yourself for the noisy ad when the page loads, find the well-hidden menu links near the top at right, and you'll have access to an archive of historic speeches by US presidents, sports stars and more.
- **History and Politics Out Loud** Includes audio files of speeches by John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and 17 other world figures.
- **Malcolm X: His Words Written and Spoken** Detailed index of writings and addresses includes many audio files.
- **Martin Luther King Video Gallery** Video and audio of MLK, including the *I Have a Dream* speech and *Why I Am Opposed to the War in Vietnam*.
- **Vincent Voice Library: Earliest Voices** Recordings of speeches by the likes of Booker T. Washington and Eugene V. Debs.
Evaluating Web Sites

The amount of information available on the WWW is immeasurable. Unfortunately much of this information has not been reviewed for authority, accurateness, objectivity, currency, and completeness. The burden of evaluation falls on you, the user.

Authority:
- Is it clear who is responsible for the web page?
- Is it clear who wrote the material? Are their credentials clearly stated?
- If the material is copyrighted, is the name of the copyright holder given?

Accuracy:
- Are the sources for any factual information clearly listed so that verification is possible?
- Is the information clear of blatant grammatical, spelling and/or other typographical errors?
- If there are graphs or charts are they clearly labeled? Is source information given?

Objectivity:
- What is the purpose of providing the information? (Public service, profit, or persuasion)
- Is the information free of advertising?
- If there is advertising is it clearly differentiated from the informational content?

Currency:
- Are there dates on the page indicating when it was written or last revised?
- Are there indications that the material is kept current?

Coverage:
- Is there an indication that the page has been completed and is not still under construction?

(These criteria based on checklist in the book Web Wisdom: How to Evaluate and Create Information Quality on the Web by Jan Alexander and Marsha Ann Tate)

Citing Sources

MLA 2009 Sample Entry -Online Database Scholarly Journal Article

Cite online journal articles from an online database as you would a print one. Provide the database name in italics. Library information is no longer required. List the medium of publication as Web and end with the date of access.


Above citation from The Owl at Purdue website, http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/557/15/

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- Sunday: 2pm – 10pm
- Monday – Thursday: 8am – 10pm
- Friday: 8am – 5pm
- Saturday: 9am –12pm; 1 – 5pm