

English 1120

INFORMATION SEARCH PROCESS

Search Process

Print and Ebook Resources (searching *LIBROS-WorldCat Discovery*)

Periodical Articles (searching online databases)

Films on Demand

Web resources

Accessing *LIBROS (WorldCat Discovery)*

Access the Library web site at:
<http://losalamos.unm.edu/library/>

Under **Online Catalog search**, enter appropriate search terms.

Book Resources – Searching *LIBROS (WorldCat Discovery)*

Perform keyword searches in *LIBROS (WorldCat Discovery)*

- Keyword searches will lead you to critical/analytical resources about your topic

By default, you will be searching only the UNM-Los Alamos collection.

Evaluate for relevance by browsing contents and indexes for information related to what you are looking for.

To view Ebooks, enter your UNM net ID and password when prompted.

Book Resources at libraries worldwide (Interlibrary Loan)

Perform appropriate keyword searches in *LIBROS*
(*WorldCat Discovery*)

Select “Libraries Worldwide” to identify books available in libraries other than UNM-Los Alamos

- If you find a book that is not at UNM-LA:
 - Click on the “Request through Interlibrary Loan” button in the catalog record for the source.
 - Select “request a book” on the resulting screen.
 - fill out and submit the online interlibrary loan form
 - Items requested through interlibrary loan can take two weeks or more to arrive.
 - Items requested through interlibrary loan must be picked up in person at the library during open hours.

Search Online Periodical Index Databases

Periodical index databases

- *Academic Search Complete*
- *Opposing Viewpoints*

Subject specific databases

- On the library’s website click on the “Databases by subject” pull-down menu.
- Select an appropriate subject area pertaining to your topic.
- Select appropriate databases listed for that subject area.

Search Online Periodical Index Databases cont.

Perform appropriate keyword searches

- See “Search Guide” handout for suggestions/examples

Select “full text” only.

Select “Scholarly/Peer-reviewed/Refereed” articles.

Avoid articles identified as some form of “review.”

Select and print articles as desired.

Search *Films on Demand*

Access from the Library web site front page.

Type in appropriate terms.

To find all possibilities, choose to search “segments.”

Submit search.

Select appropriate videos to view.

Take notes as necessary to provide accurate information depicted in the video.

Refer to the MLA Citation guide for the proper citation format for an online video.

Web Resources (visible web)

Search in *Google* or another web search engine that you are familiar with.

Enter appropriate search terms for your topic.

Evaluate all web resources for authoritativeness, accuracy, and relevance.

Check with your instructor to find out how many web resources are allowed.

Citing Sources

Use the MLA 8th edition Citation Guide

- Handout on Information Literacy page of the Library Website
- Course text or link to Purdue Owl site

You may download citations from databases if available

- You must double check them against the MLA 8th edition guide

Use hanging indent paragraph format process in Microsoft Word.

Conclusion

Don't procrastinate.

Do a little bit each day.

Ask your instructor and library staff for help before the situation becomes a crisis.

- For library help:
 - Fall 2020 Library hours are: Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 am to 2 pm
 - Library Zoom Help sessions are: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 am to 1 pm
 - Outside of Library open hours and Zoom help sessions,
 - Contact library staff at ulalib@unm.edu OR
 - Contact me directly at davies@unm.edu

Have fun!