Welcome to
White Library

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Reference/Information
Literacy Librarian
If you need journal articles from a specific area of study, start here. After clicking this link, choose the corresponding topic area from the drop-down menu, then click on a database.

Choose this link for books, eBooks, CDs, and DVDs. **HINT: use the Advanced Search feature and choose “eBooks (Online)” under “Location” to look for books you can access immediately!**

Choose this link if you need to know if SAU library owns a specific journal?

If you need ideas on where to begin research in a broach subject area, chose this link.

Need help in citing materials? Look here for help with MLA, APA, SBL, and other citation styles.
Search Strategy Process

- Organized method to do research
- A logical progression
- Practice a process
Research Strategy

Subject Encyclopedias

Books

Periodical Articles

Statistics, Media, Websites…
Suggested Research Strategy

Reverse Pyramid of Information Sources

- Encyclopedias
  - Books
  - Articles

Begin

From specific to general and vice versa.
Example of Search Order

- Encyclopedia
- Book
- Journal or Magazine article

Sports
Hockey
Fighting

Justin Abdelkader
Types of Sources

- **Subject Encyclopedias**
  - Broad overview of topic
  - Objective
  - Written by experts

- **Books**
  - A bit more in depth
  - Opinions/viewpoint(s) on a topic
  - More recent than encyclopedias
  - Variety of qualifications of authors
Types of Sources, pt. 2

- Journals/Magazines 4– Main Types
  - More specific topics/narrower
  - Research based – journals
  - Professional reading journals
  - Opinion/public interest – magazines
How to Find an Encyclopedia

Step #1
Click on “Find Books”

Step #2
Click on “Advanced Search”
**Step #3 Advanced Search:**

A. Change to “Subject”; type “Encyclopedias”

B. Type “Encyclopedias” in this box

C. Put your broad topic in this box.

D. Select “Printed Books”

E. Click on “Submit”
Reference Area

Advanced Keyword Search
Please fill in the form, select limits, and click Submit (or choose a Sim)

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Limited to:

- Limit search to available items

Sorted By:

- Search and Sort: sorted by

Material Type:

- Printed Books
- Archival Materials
- Printed Music

Location:

- Reference (main level)
- eBooks (online)

CDs (lower level)
Steps to a Successful Search

1. Do Subject Search
2. Select a subject heading
3. Choose useful book
4. Browse
5. Keyword Search
Dewey Decimal Classification

The Ten Main Classes

000 Computers, information, & general reference
100 Philosophy & psychology
200 Religion
300 Social sciences
400 Language
500 Science
600 Technology
700 Arts & recreation
800 Literature
900 History & geography
Dewey Decimal Example

610
610.6
610.69
610.695
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= Medical sciences
= Professions
= Medical personnel
= Specific kinds of medical personnel
= Physicians
= Physicians in England and Wales
= Physicians in England and Wales 1485-1603
Keywords
Subject Headings
How to Evaluate Books

- **Purpose of the book:**
  - Read dustjacket & Preface

- **Publisher:**
  - Look up on Google or Wikipedia for info

- **Is the book too old to be correct for the topic?**

- **Author/Authority:**
  - Check dustjacket; Amazon
  - Credentials related to topic?

- **Examine book:**
  - Bibliography, in-text notes, illustrations, etc.
Questions......