AGENDA

WHAT WE’LL DISCUSS TODAY

1. What the library has to offer
2. How to construct effective searches
USING THE NU LIBRARY

Resources and Services
LIBRARY STAFF

Your success is our goal
We are here for you
LIBRARY HOURS

- Monday-Thursday: 10am – 10pm
- Friday: 10am – 6pm
- Saturday: 8:30am – 5pm
- Sunday: 10am – 5pm
BORROWING & ACCESSING MATERIALS

- **Print Books**
  - Borrow up to 15 books
  - 4 week loan period

- **E-Books, Articles, & Streaming Videos**
  - Access online at any time
  - All you need to do is log in
AT THE LIBRARY

- Group study rooms
  - 2+ people, 4 hour max, reservation required
- Library computers
  - PCs and Macs
  - Computer account required, printing is free
- Latest newspapers and magazines
- Latest bestselling fiction and nonfiction novels
- Copy machine available
- WiFi throughout the library
DOCUMENT DELIVERY SERVICES

- Books Direct: Request print books be held for you for pick-up at the library.
- Journal Direct: Request print journal articles be sent by e-mail.
- Interlibrary Loan Books: Books not owned by the library may be requested from other libraries (except textbooks).
- Interlibrary Loan Articles: Journal articles not accessible through the library may be requested from other libraries.
Click the **Single Sign On** button and follow the prompts to login like you would to access your SOAR Student Portal or Online Classes (Blackboard Learn).
LIBRARY HELP

- Come to the Library Help Desk
- E-mail us at refdesk@nu.edu
- Call us at (858) 541-7900
- Toll-free at (866) 682-2237 ext. 7900
- Text us at (858) 367-0904
- Chat with us online
  - Mon-Thu 11am-8pm
  - Fri-Sun 11am-4pm
- Schedule a research consultation
- Check our FAQs at http://nu.libanswers.com
USING THE NU LIBRARY

Choosing the right search tool
LIBRARY VS. THE WEB

- Information is everywhere.
- You might find some scholarly articles through Google, but there are millions more to choose from through the National University Library.
LIBRARY WEBSITE

http://library.nu.edu

- Print & electronic books
- Journal articles
- Streaming videos
- Research guides
- Videos and tutorials
Welcome to our new page for finding articles.

As we transition, you can temporarily access the old page here.
WHAT IS A DATABASE?

A set of data grouped together in one location in (or accessible by) a computer. A computerized databases is like an electronic filing cabinet of information arranged for easy access or for a specific purpose.

hiking boots and Boots found 481 items!

We adjusted your search results to be more relevant. Let us know what you were looking for? Click here.

- Scarpa
  D-Evolution GTX
  $239.00

- Zamberlan
  Guido GTX 200
  $340.00

- Baffin
  Sceptre
  $154.99

- Keen Utility
  Patagonia Mid Soft Toe
  $140.00
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LIBRARY DATABASES

- Provide information that has been vetted
- General
  - Cover a wide range of subjects/disciplines
  - Great place to begin a search
- Specialized
  - Cover specific types of materials
  - Focus on particular subjects/disciplines
Articles are written for and by experts in their chosen field
Way for scholars and researchers to share their research and discoveries with other experts in their discipline
Researcher’s first choice for an in-depth examination of a topic

Source – University of North Florida
**PEER REVIEW PROCESS**

- Articles are certified by experts in the field before they are accepted for publication
- Academic term for quality control
- AKA: refereed or juried
- To verify if a journal is peer reviewed
  - Use a Serials Directory
  - Check the publisher’s website

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**Which of these is Peer Reviewed?**

- **Popular Magazines & Newspapers?**
  - **NO!**

- **Trade Journals?**
  - **NO!**

- **Scholarly Journals?**
  - **POSSIBLY!**

Peer review means that independent scholars in the field of study review and recommend articles for publication. They look at the level and quality of research as well as the overall contribution to the literature of the field.

To verify if a journal is peer reviewed:

- **Look at the journal itself**
  - A description of the journal’s peer review process may be included in its online or print submission guidelines.
  - The journal should list members of the independent editorial/review board along with their academic or scholarly affiliation.

- **Look in a serials directory**
  - ULICEREBUSH Directory
  - EBSCO Serials Directory
  (See examples on board)

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[http://tinyurl.com/nu-peer-review](http://tinyurl.com/nu-peer-review)
DATABASES VS. SMART SEARCH

- Library databases are online collections of materials, often with links to the full text item.
- Smart Search is a search tool that finds books, articles, videos, and other materials available in print and online through the NU Library.
IMPROVE YOUR KEYWORD SEARCHING

- Divide topic into concepts/segments/pieces
- Searching in full sentences is unnecessary
- 2-4 key concepts works best

- Think of synonyms and related terms
- There are many ways to say the same thing
- Create a concept chart

- Expand / narrow results
- Combine key words using AND/OR
- Refine results using limiters and facets
PUTTING YOUR SEARCH TERMS TOGETHER

Connect ideas
- school AND purpose

Connect synonyms
- government OR governance

Phrase search
- “assessment of learning”

Find alternate endings
- learn* = learns, learner, learners, learning
SMART SEARCH SCREENS

- Simple search
  - For one or two ideas
  - Specify material type

- Advanced search
  - For two or more ideas
  - One idea per line
  - Synonyms on same line
  - Other options
1. Use the National University Library to find books and articles for college-level research
2. Smart Search is a library tool that finds a variety of materials available in print and online
3. The Find Articles Guide is a great plan to begin an article search
4. Build searches with key words, synonyms, and related terms that represent your topic
5. Refine results to find materials that fit your needs
6. Contact the library if you need help