

Find Library Resources

Introduction

As you explore what topic to research, the types of sources to consult will include books, journals and credible websites. One of your first steps should be to go to the Estelle M. Black Library homepage and use the links to the library's Catalog and Research Databases. For more help the narrated slide presentation, [How to Locate Library Resources](#) ^[1] is available online.

Task

Choose a specific topic and list five sources that you find on the topic. Include one book source, three articles from journals, and a credible website.

Topic suggestions can be found under *Issues and Controversies* in the *Facts on File* database <http://icof.infobaselearning.com/index.aspx> ^[2] or *Credo's Topic Pages* <http://search.credoreference.com/content/browse/topic> ^[3]

Process

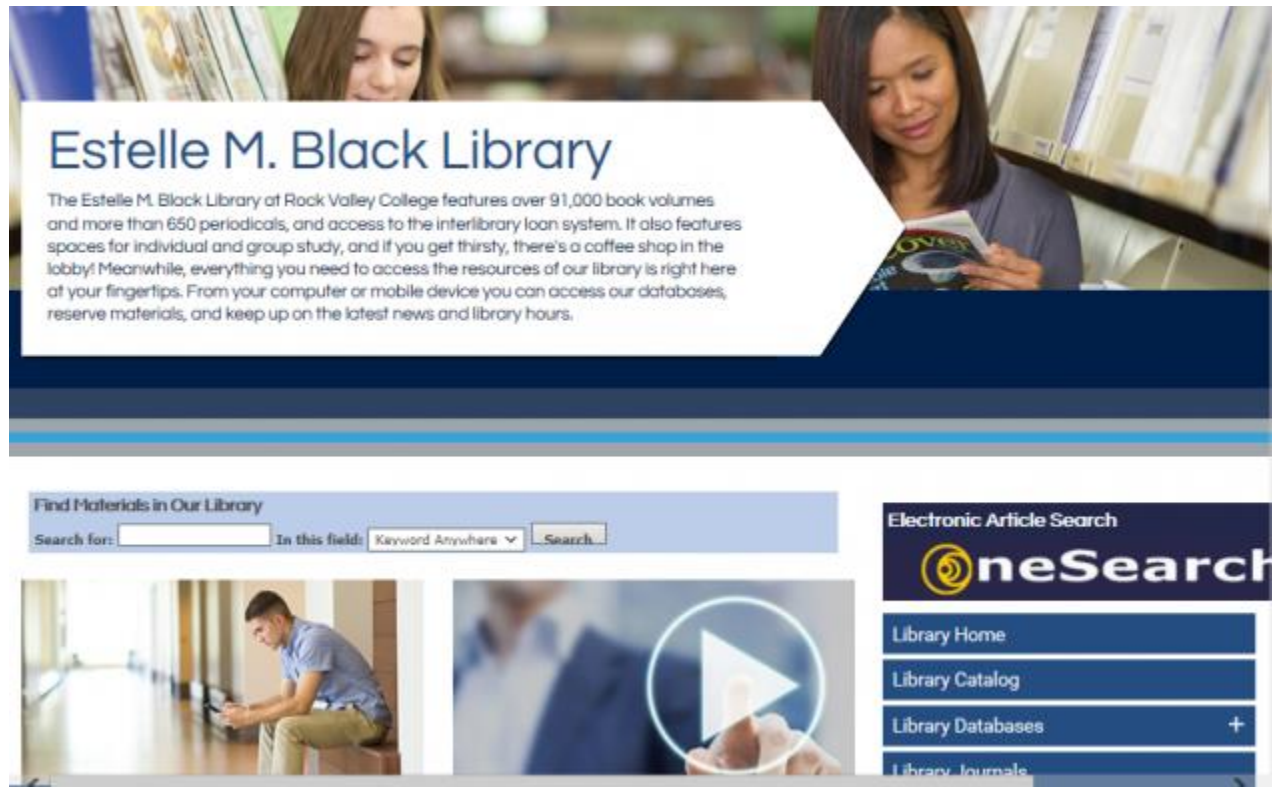
Resources from the library can be found on the Library's Home page at <http://www.RockValleyCollege.edu/Library> ^[4] Below the Estelle M. Black Library description, there is a column on the right side of the page which has links that begin

[**Library Home**](#)

[**Library Catalog**](#)

[**Library Databases +**](#)

To find books click on [Library Catalog](#)



To find articles click on [Library Databases +](#)

The button will expand to [Databases Listed Alphabetically](#) and [Listed by Subject](#). If you click on [Listed by Subject](#), you will find the following subjects

[| Agriculture](#) | [Art](#) | [Business](#) | [eBooks](#) | [Education](#) | [General \(all\)](#) | [General \(article databases\)](#) | [Government Documents](#) | [Health](#) | [History](#) | [Literature](#) | [Music](#) | [Newspapers](#) | [Philosophy](#) | [Psychology](#) | [Reference](#) | [Science](#) | [Statistics](#) | [Technology](#) |

Evaluation

Your list of sources should include all information that is used for a citation. Various Styles for Citations are MLA, APA, Chicago Style. Examples of citations for a book, journal article and website are shown below. You can go the website [OWL Purdue](#)^[5] for more help with APA and MLA styles and [University of Chicago Press](#)^[6] for help with Chicago style.

Book information from Library Catalog - Voyager

- **Title: The scientific exploration of Mars /**
- **Main Author: Taylor, F. W.**
- **Format: Book**
- **Publisher: Cambridge, UK ; New York : Cambridge University Press, 2010.**
- **Location General Stacks (2nd floor)**
- **Call Number: QB641 .T285 2010**

Example of a citation for a book in MLA style:

Taylor, F W. *The Scientific Exploration of Mars*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2010. Print.

Example of a citation for an article from a journal in MLA Style:

Arunan, S., and R. Satish. "Mars Orbiter Mission Spacecraft And Its Challenges."

Current Science. 109.6 (2015): 1061-1069. Academic Search Complete.

Web. 28 Jan. 2016.

Example of a citation for an article from a website in MLA Style:

Herkenhoff, Ken. "NASA Mars Rover Curiosity Rover: Mission Updates:

Sols 1237-1238: CHIMRA Diagnostics." 27 Jan 2016. *NASA Jet*

Propulsion Laboratory. Web. 28 Jan 2016.

Conclusion

Good library research begins with knowing how to find sources of information. Confidence in finding different types of sources results from experience visiting the library itself and navigating on the library web page to use tools such as the Library Catalog and Research Databases lists. Whether you choose to do your research while you are at the library or go online to the library's home page^[7] from off-campus, library staff hopes your search will result in an adequate number of sources. Call the Reference Desk at 815-921-4619 or email^[8] for more help.

Source URL: <http://www.createwebquest.com/webquest/find-library-resources>

Links:

[1] <http://www.slideboom.com/presentations/1385807/How-Do-You-Locate-Library-Resources2016revise>

[2] <http://icof.infobaselearning.com/index.aspx>

[3] <http://search.credoreference.com/content/browse/topic>

[4] <http://www.RockValleyCollege.edu/Library>

[5] <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/>

[6] http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html

[7] <http://www.rockvalleycollege.edu/Library>

[8] <mailto:RVC-LibRef@rockvalleycollege.edu>