Getting Started!

Defining your topic, approach

Identifying keywords
- William Gibson / Pattern Recognition, Winter Market
- Types of information needed: Criticism and interpretation (critical analysis), book/story reviews

Narrower terms:
- fiction, novels, short stories, short fiction
- theme, character, names of characters
- contemporary culture, future culture, technoculture, privacy, globalization, information management

Related terms:
- cyberpunk, cybernetics, cyberspace
- experimental / fantastic

Broader terms:
- science fiction, fantasy
- experimental fiction
- Canadian science fiction
- Canadian fiction 20th century

- Kate Chopin
  - women authors 19th century
  - short stories, American

... Next step! Library Website
www.okanagan.bc.ca/library
Searching Library Catalogue

OC Webpage

Library Catalogue

Library Webpage

Need more ...

Back to Library Website
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Find Articles

Humanities Online Resources

- Gale Literature Resource Center *Highly Recommended*
- Academic Search Premier (EBSCO)
- CBCA Reference (Canadian Business & Current Affairs)
- MLA International Bibliography
- Project Muse
- JSTOR

! try out all those keywords, try different combinations
! watch for full-text and Where can I get this ...?
What do we mean by?

**Scholarly journals, periodicals, magazine articles**

A *periodical* appears on a regular basis (e.g., daily, weekly, monthly or annually). Includes academic journals, magazines & newspapers.

*Academic/scholarly journals* contain articles written by scholars (professors, researchers, experts), and critiqued by other scholars (peer-reviewed), before publication.

- content fairly complex
- often a short abstract or summary at the beginning & a bibliography or list of works cited at the end.
- Example - *Journal of Canadian Studies*

*Magazines/popular journals* are intended for the general public

- Articles may be written by people with some in-depth knowledge of a topic, by professional writers who have done some background research, or by reporters with no previous knowledge of the subject.
- Examples - *Maclean's* and *Time*

What do we mean by?

**Indexes, abstracts, citations, online databases, full-text**

A *periodical index*

- helps you locate articles on specific topics
- lists citations of articles from academic journals, magazines & newspapers

OC Library subscribes to *periodical indexes* in the form of *online databases*.

- Library Web Page links to many online databases using the internet.
- The database describes each article, in every issue of a large number of journals.
- Some databases contain only citations; others include abstracts; many feature full-text.

*Full-text*

- complete text with illustrations of a periodical article (e.g., *EBSCO*), or the text only (e.g., *CBCA Complete*),
- can be saved or printed (PDF & HTML formats) or emailed
Article Databases

Search in Article Databases for Humanities Online Resources then choose Database to search e.g. Academic Search Premier

Finding Articles

Example 1
Academic article Full-text online

Narrow from All Results to Academic Journals
Finding Articles

Choose a likely citation, check the abstract, look to find a full copy of the article?

Finding Articles

The Real Lives of Margaret Laurence's Women

Barrett Blougett

Although Canadian novelist Margaret Laurence has achieved a secure reputation in her homeland, she is but little known in the United States. Born in Sydney, Nova Scotia—while her family was living in Africa with her engineer husband—Laurence wrote her first major literary work, a novel entitled A物资 Collection (1941), while still living in Africa. Her next major work, A Hat of Jade (1966), A Snow Angel (1968), and A Fisherman (1970), her stories, are all

Full-text is available to print, save or email
Finding Articles

Example 2
Magazine article
Print copy in Library

No Full-text here ...
Where can I get this?

Finding Articles

OC Lib may have
System checks Library Voyager catalogue
Print copy in Library at Kelowna Periodical shelves
Check volume nos.
Finding Articles

Example 3

New search ... SObject Shakespeare's Hamlet

No full text ... Where can I get this?
Finding Articles

- Held other libraries
  - > Request Inter-library loan

- Not anywhere at OC
  - print or electronic
  - Checks other libraries

Acknowledgment & Cite!

Keep Records of your Sources … References

Books & chapters in books, videos:

Authors,
Titles of book / chapter / video,
Publishers/Producers, Place & Date of Publication …

Journal Articles:

article Authors, article Titles; journal/newspaper/magazine Titles
Volume, Issue & Page numbers …

When sourced in online journals or library databases or websites or webpages

add:
Library Database/Online Journal/Webpage names & urls (website addresses)
Retrieval dates
MLA Style

**Book**

**Chapter in a Book**
MLA Style

**Journal Article**


**When Article is retrieved from a Library Database**

Add: name of Library database accessed and the online subscription service, name of Library, city where Library is located and date retrieved

Academic Search Premier, EBSCO. Okanagan College Lib., Kelowna. 10 Jun. 2007.

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**MLA Style**

**Web sites**


"Margaret Laurence." *Canadian Literature Online: Author Profiles*

Northwest Passages, Kamloops, B.C. 10 Jun. 2007

<http://www.nwpassages.com/bios/laurence.asp>

For internet sites:

**Author**, if possible then "*title of page*" and **whole site title**

then Publication information if available i.e. Site publisher, place followed by **Retrieval date & finally Website url**
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