Accessing Library Resources – Tips

I. Searching for periodical articles


List of CUNE online databases for periodical literature searching:

* = Provides electronic interlibrary loan request form automatically received by CUNE library; cost for undergraduates is 25 cents per request – waived for graduate and degree completion students.

**NOTE:**  The 4 steps of online database searching are (1) identify the main concepts in your research question, (2) list synonyms for the main concepts, (3) create a preliminary search, and (4) interact with search results to refine.  See  Academic Search Premier scholarly article search  (5min screencast  click for transcript ).  For more tutorials about research, see the  CUNE Research Toolkit .

General academic databases:  red = contains Theology literature

1.  *Academic Search Premier
2.  *ArticleFirst
3.  Books in Print
4.  Britannica Online
5.  Credo Reference
6.  eBooks from EBSCOhost
7.  eLibrary
8.  Journal Finder  For electronic periodicals accessible by CUNE library members
9.  *Omnifile
10.  Oxford Reference Online
11.  *WorldCat  For books, periodicals, & other materials

Subject-specific databases:  red = contains Theology literature

1.  *ATLASerials (theology)
2.  Biblical Archaeology Society Online Archive (Biblical studies)
3.  Biography Reference Bank (biography)
4.  Business Insights: Global (global business)
5.  Christian Cyclopedia Online (theology)
6.  *CINAHL Plus with Full Text (nursing, allied health)
7.  *Communication & Mass Media Complete (communication, media studies)
8.  *ERIC (education)  Also  http://eric.ed.gov/
9.  *Family & Society Studies Worldwide (family practice, social work/science)
10.  Films on Demand (most disciplines)
11.  *GreenFILE (environmental impact)
12.  HeritageQuest (family history, American culture)
13.  JSTOR (over thirty disciplines)
14.  LexisNexis Academic (business, medical, legal, newspapers)
15.  *Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts (information management)
16.  Literature Resource Center (literature)
17.  *MEDLINE (medicine)  Also  http://www.nlm.nih.gov/
18.  Naxos Music Library (music)
19.  *RILM (music)
20.  *SPORTDiscus (sport, health, fitness, sports medicine)
21.  *Teacher Reference Center (education)
For more information or tutorials on utilizing Business Insights: Global; CINAHL Plus with Full Text; EBSCOhost; eLibrary; Films On Demand; FirstSearch; JSTOR; LexisNexis:

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II. Searching for books
- CUNE library catalog: http://www.cune.edu/library > search Concordia U and beyond > advanced search > narrow your search-library: Concordia U. To search all WorldCat member libraries, select “Libraries Worldwide” instead of Concordia U.
- eBook Collection. For electronic books from EBSCOhost: Go to http://cune.libguides.com/az.php > eBooks on EBSCOhost. Off-campus users are prompted for CUNE email account username/password.
- WorldCat: http://cune.libguides.com/az.php > FirstSearch > WorldCat. Allows electronic interlibrary loan requests – “See more details for locating this item” > “Borrow this item from another library,” fill out electronic request > Submit (automatically received by CUNE library).
- List of other library electronic catalogs: http://nlc.nebraska.gov/libraries/internet.asp (Nebraska) or locate any library online catalog at http://www.libdex.com/ or find a library near you using http://www.worldcat.org/.
- Books not held in the CUNE library collection are available via interlibrary loan – use electronic request at http://www.cune.edu/libraryILL; blue paper request available in the CUNE library; or electronic request in CUNE library subscriptions to EBSCO or FirstSearch databases. Allow 24 hours to 5 business days or more either for pick up at the CUNE library circulation desk, or for delivery via US mail for graduate and degree completion students. Cost for undergraduates is 25 cents per request – waived for graduate and degree completion students.

III. Searching the WWW
- To help you get started: http://wp.cune.edu/libraryresearchhelp > “Some Internet subject directories” and “How to evaluate information.” See also:
  U of California http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/FindInfo.html
  Evaluation of information sources http://www2.vuw.ac.nz/staff/alastair_smith/evaln/evaln.htm
  Please contact the Reference and Instruction Librarian or the Distance Learning Librarian for further Internet resources.

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