



Research at the FGCU Library Fall 2013

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<http://library.fgcu.edu/fye/fye.html>

Library Services

Check out the following links on our website: <http://library.fgcu.edu> for valuable services that are free to FGCU students!

Library Hours:

Mon–Thu: 7:00am - 1:00am

Fri: 7:00am - 7:00pm

Sat: 8:00am - 6:00pm

Sun: 11:00am - 1:00am

Get Research Help!
Contact a Librarian

In Person

Mon–Thu: 9:00am - 9:00pm

Fri: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Sat: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Sun: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Phone: (239) 590-7630

E-mail: libref@fgcu.edu

Research Consultation

See link on our homepage under Make a Request

FYE Librarian Hours

2001 Osprey Hall

Wednesdays 2:00-4:00pm

Off-Campus Access

Use the 14-digit number on your FGCU ID card to access library resources



- Research Guides (Use dropdown box or Browse all guides...) to find specific resources for your topic
- Ask-a-Librarian: Get answers in person, by phone, e-mail, or text
- Workshops: Sign up for one or several!
- How Do I...? Be sure to check out this section for helpful videos and handouts
- Citation Styles: Need help citing your sources? Start here!
- RefWorks: Download, format, and manage your citations.
- Study Rooms: Have a group of three or more? Check out a study room from the Circulation Desk.

Finding Books

☞ Start at the Library homepage: <http://library.fgcu.edu>

- Click Library Catalog on left
- Type in search term(s) and click Search
- Click on book title for more information
- Write down call number or text it to yourself

Tips/Advanced Search Techniques:

- Can sort results by newest publication date, etc.
- Try multiple **synonyms** for your topic.
Example: “climate change” “global warming”
- Use * to replace characters at the end of a word (e.g. *educat** returns *educated, education, educator, etc.*)
- When using a phrase, enclose in quotation marks (e.g. “affirmative action”)
- Still getting too many results? **Narrow** by using the facets in the box to the left
- Not getting enough results? You can request from U Borrow
- Look at **Subject Headings** for books you find.
Click these links to focus your search on relevant items and find additional materials that might be useful
- When you find a book on the shelf that seems useful to your topic, **look around it** for other possible resources
- Call numbers can be found: **A-G on third floor**
H-Z on second floor





Article Databases

FGCU Library has more than 450 databases. Here are a few general/multidisciplinary ones to get you started.

To Start:

- Go to the library homepage: <http://library.fgcu.edu>
- Click on Databases
- Find databases by title, subject, or type in name

CQ Researcher Plus Archives

good for background info

1. Type search terms in box
2. Click on report title
- **Can also Browse Topics**

- Can sort by newest first—Pay close attention to date!
- View full report or specific section on left
- Current situation = when the report was written!
- See Issue Tracker on right for related reports
- See Bibliography, Next Step, Contacts for further resources

Academic Search Complete

1. Type in search terms/keywords
2. Click Peer Reviewed in Limit your results
3. Click Search

- To narrow results: Refine your results in box to left by Publication Date, Source Types, Subject, etc.
- Check out Subject Terms to help focus your search results
- Notice publication icon on left of each record
- See Tools on right for Add to folder, Print, E-mail, Save, Cite, etc.

ProQuest Home

1. Type in search terms/keywords
2. Limit to: Peer reviewed
3. Click Search

- Search all databases or choose specific subject area
- Narrow results by Source type, Subject, Date, etc. on right
- If you have to Check for full text, choose Article
- To add/modify search terms, click Modify search

Current Event/ Local Resources

Access World News Research Collection

- Choose Access World News or Florida for local sources
- Limit results by Year (or month!), Source, Source Type on left
- E-mail and print buttons on right near bottom

ProQuest News & Newspapers Collection

- Similar to ProQuest search above
- Searches more than 200 newspapers, including the Fort Myers News-Press



Evaluate Your Sources!

Remember to evaluate your sources, especially Websites, for credibility!

Look closely at the following:

- **Timeliness**—When was it published/posted/revise? Are there broken links?
- **Suitability**—Who is the intended audience? Is the information at an appropriate level (not too general or too technical)?
- **Accuracy**—Is there supporting evidence? Can you find the information in another source? Is it free of errors?
- **Authority**—Who is the author/sponsor? Can you find credentials or contact information? What is the URL: .com, .gov, org, .edu, .net?
- **Purpose**— Is it to inform, sell, entertain, or persuade? Is it objective or biased?

For more information, see our Quick Guides for Evaluating Web and Print Sources under the How Do I...? link on our Website.