



West Los Angeles College Library Online Resources

Remote log-in:
9-digit student ID
[88...] or [9...]
PIN: 4-digit date of
birth [MMDD]

<http://www.wlac.edu/library>

1. Library Catalog

OneSearch provides simple, one-stop searching for books and e-books, videos, articles, digital media, and more.

2. Research Databases

- **CountryWatch:** News about and information on 192 countries
- **CQ Researcher:** Comprehensive reporting and analysis on current political and social issues
- **EBSCOhost (Discovery Service):** Over 14,000 electronic books in full text with graphics; as well Academic Search Complete, American History and Life full text, Business Source Complete, Health Source Consumer and Nursing, Psychology and Behavioral Sciences, Regional Business News, SocINDEX full text, MEDLINE full text, Military and Government collection, and more
- **Facts on File:** World News Digest (1940 - Present) provides comprehensive reporting and analysis on current political and social themes; also includes Science Online, Issues and Controversies
- **Gale Subject Databases:** Includes Academic OneFile, Biography in Context, Health and Wellness Resource Center, Informe (Hispanic magazines in English and Spanish), Science in Context, and many more
- **Gale Virtual Reference Library:** Encyclopedias, dictionaries, and other specialized reference sources for multidisciplinary research
- **JSTOR:** Exclusively academic and scholarly journals for a variety of disciplines, primary sources, and books
- **Nexis Uni** (formerly *Lexis Nexis*): News, business, legal, medical and reference information
- **Literature Resources from Gale:** Current, comprehensive, and reliable online resource for research on literary topics, authors, and their works; coverage includes all genres and disciplines, all time periods and world regions
- **Opposing Viewpoint Resource Center:** Pro and con viewpoint articles on current social issues, topic overviews, statistics, primary documents, links to web sites, and full-text journal articles.
- **Oxford English Dictionary - OED Online:** The Oxford English Dictionary is the accepted premier authority on the evolution of the English language over the last millennium
- **Project Muse:** Full text scholarly journal articles covering the humanities, and social sciences
- **ProQuest:** Articles from 4,000 academic and popular magazines and scholarly journals with many include graphics
- **WestlawNext Campus Research:** Decisions and case law from the courts of all 50 states and the federal courts in addition to over a million unpublished cases; American Jurisprudence 2d; and law review and legal journal articles; includes access to *Black's Law Dictionary*



Ask a Librarian 24/7

3. Ask-a-Librarian 24/7 Online Chat Reference

On the library website, click the "Ask a Librarian 24/7" link to launch a chat window and talk with a reference librarian. This is a great option to use if you need assistance when you are working from home or after the library has closed for the day.

4. Internet Search Engines & Subject Directories

Google <http://www.google.com/>

Google Scholar <http://scholar.google.com/>

Microsoft Academic <http://academic.microsoft.com/>

Refseek <http://refseek.com/>

Spring 2022 Library Hours:

Mon: 9am-3pm, 5-8pm

Tues-Thurs: 9am-3pm

Reference available 24/7 via chat

Reference Desk: (310) 287-4269

Circulation Desk: (310) 287-4408

5. Tips on Searching the WLAC Library Databases

You can access articles and electronic books from the Library's subscription [databases](#) from on or off-campus 24/7! When you click on a database, you will be prompted for your user name (your student ID) and PIN (the two-digit month and day of your birth in MMDD format). Example for student with ID number 88-123-4567 born January 5th:

User name: 881234567

PIN: 0105

*If you have trouble logging on and need to reset your password, please visit this page: [Password Reset Request Form](#)

Recommended Database

[ProQuest](#) is one of our most popular databases. It covers a wide range of disciplines with content from academic journals, magazines, newspapers and more. This would be a great place to search for current events information. You can also use any of our other databases from the [complete list](#) on the library's website.

Database Searching Tips

Below are suggested databases and search tips for your research.

- Use AND to narrow your results by searching for two keywords simultaneously.
Example: slavery AND children
- Use OR to broaden your results by searching for either of two or more keywords
Enclose terms separated by OR in parentheses
Example: (domestic OR household)
- Use quotation marks ("") to search for terms as a phrase
Example: "emancipation proclamation"
- Use asterisks to retrieve additional forms of a word
Example: wom* retrieves women, woman, women's.
- Limit results to academic or scholarly sources for academic sources.
- Limit results to reviews to see just book reviews.

Putting it all together

Use all the above search tip to refine your search.

Example: ("domestic slave" OR "house slave") AND wom*

SEARCH TIPS

Enter words in quotation marks to search for them as an exact phrase.
Ex: "mass incarceration"

Use * to truncate a word to retrieve different forms of the word.
Ex: rac* retrieves race, racist, racism

Use the AND operator to retrieve results with multiple components.
Ex: "mass incarceration" AND race

Use OR to retrieve synonyms so you do not omit results because the author and you used different terms.
Ex: incarceration OR prison

FILTERING TIPS

Filter results by source type.
Example: click "scholarly journals" to see articles from academic journals only.

Filter by publication date to find more recent articles.
Ex: Search for articles published after the year 2000.

FILTERING TIPS

Look to the right under Subject for additional or alternative headings that can help refine your search.

Ex:

- Publication title
- Document type
- Subject
 - african americans (103)
 - prisons (96)
 - politics (81)
 - imprisonment (79)
 - prisoners (74)
 - More options...

Citing

Click "cite" in the blue banner so you can copy and paste the citation for your paper into your works cited page.

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Thompson, Heather Ann. *The Journal of American History* 97.3 (Dec 2010): 703-734.

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