**Quick Guide to Library Research**

**Identify Your Topic**
- Choose a topic relating to your assignment that you want to learn more about.

**Find the Right Search Tool**
- There's a wide range of search tools available depending on the type of sources you need.
- Don't use just one tool or format; use Google Scholar AND the library search engines.

**Conduct Your Search**
- Various strategies are useful for searching. Check with us for help.
- First find basic background information to develop your topic. Then brainstorm related topics and words to search for relevant citations.

**Evaluate Your Results**
- As you gather information, evaluate how relevant the content is, its bias, who the authors are, and how current the information is.
- Always evaluate credibility and reliability.

**Document Your Sources**
- Plagiarism is a serious offense! If ideas or words are not your own, make sure to cite your sources.
- Use a consistent format (APA, MLA, or Chicago) for your bibliography. RefWorks can do this for you.

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About the UWM Libraries

The UWM Libraries include General and Special Collections, Archives, and three specialized libraries – Media and Reserve, Music, and the internationally renowned American Geographical Society Library – all housed in the Golda Meir Library building.

Location

The Golda Meir Library is at 2311 East Hartford Avenue (by the flagpoles).

The main entrance is in the west wing where the Daniel M. Soref Learning Commons is located.

UWM Library Card

Your UWM ID (PantherCard) is your library card. Use it to check out books, journals, videos, music and technology. Graduate students can check out books for the entire semester; books may be renewed up to three times.

Borrowing from Other Libraries

You can receive materials from other UW libraries by using UW Request. Utilize Interlibrary Loan for materials beyond UW System libraries.

Study Spaces

The Daniel M. Soref Learning Commons is open 24 hours, Sunday through Thursday. There are 4 reserve-able group rooms in the Learning Commons and group study spaces throughout the library. Quiet study locations are 2nd floor east, lower level east and in the stacks. Graduate students may apply for study carrels at the library circulation desk.

Finding Books & Articles

Use the search box on the library homepage to find books, videos, music, and articles from journals, newspapers, and magazines.

Access Anywhere!

You can access our search system, e-journals, and other resources from anywhere that has an internet connection. Just start at the homepage and sign in with your ePantherID and password when prompted.

Ask a Librarian

Have a question about using the library?

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- Call us at (414) 229-4659.
- Chat online with a librarian.
  Live Help is available 24/7/365.

Research Consultation

Make an appointment with a staff member to discuss research, information resources and search strategies for class assignments, papers, presentations, masters theses, and doctoral dissertations.

Digital Commons

UWM Digital Commons is a showcase for UWM's research and creative profiles. UWM faculty, staff and students can contribute any completed scholarship for long-term preservation and worldwide accessibility.

RefWorks

RefWorks is a web-based tool that helps you manage citations, create bibliographies, and import references from databases. Formatting styles include APA, Chicago, MLA, and more.

Dissertations & Theses @ University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Access the full-text dissertations and theses produced by students at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee online.

Navigating the Stacks

Books and journals are shelved alphabetically by call number throughout the building.

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