



ERC Quick Guide: Introduction to Library Resources

Topic Selection & Background Information

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1. Find A Topic:

Click on **Find A Topic** at the bottom of the ERC's home page. Start here to get ideas, survey the scope of a topic, and link to databases that feature current issues and events. You can also link directly to books, periodicals, and websites chosen by ERC staff as being especially helpful with topic selection. Some titles to look for include: *Opposing Viewpoints*, *CQ Researcher*, *Issues and Controversies*, and *National Issues Forums*.

Books: Library Catalogs

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2. CSLink & OhioLINK:

Both CSLink and OhioLINK catalogs can be accessed from the ERC's home page. CSLink is the catalog for the materials in the Columbus State library only. The OhioLINK Library Catalog provides access to materials in college and university libraries throughout Ohio. Using your **Cougar ID** number, you can **request OhioLINK materials** and have them **delivered to the ERC** in 3-5 business days.

Articles: Research Databases

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3. Academic Search Complete: a large database with coverage of nearly all academic areas of study. Best database to use if you aren't sure where to begin; includes links to many full text articles.

4. Electronic Journal Center: a great database for finding scholarly journal articles on a variety of subjects. Article descriptions are available, as well as full text links.

5. LexisNexis: Newspaper articles from all over the world, covering legal, business, and general news topics. Also find news transcripts from television and radio. Newspaper archives include the *Columbus Dispatch* and the *New York Times*.

Questions? Ask a Librarian!

The Educational Resources Center (ERC) at Columbus State
Columbus Hall

Reference Desk: 614.287.2460 Circulation Desk: 614.287.2464

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