COM Library

**Hours and Contact Information**

The College of Marin Library offers periodicals, books, and databases in both print and online format. Reference librarians are available in person at both campuses, via telephone for all students, and online for students enrolled in a Distance Education course.

Consult with the Distance Education (DE) librarian for advice when planning your research and to learn what library services might be useful to you. The DE librarian can answer short, factual questions and provide guidance with research strategies and library resources.

Contact: AskTheLibrary@marin.edu

Library Online Databases

**The African American Experience**

The African American Experience is the definitive electronic research tool for African American history and culture from one of the most respected publishers in the field. Drawing on over 300 titles, and designed under the guidance of leading publishers in the field. Drawing on over 300 titles, this database gives voice to the black experience from its African origins to the present day.

**Auto Repair Reference Center**

This database contains do-it-yourself repair and maintenance information on most major manufacturers of domestic and imported vehicles. New repair procedures, TSBs and updates are added to the product on a regular basis. All of the content has been created by ASE certified technicians.

**Biography in Context**

Gale Biography in Context provides access to biographies, bibliographies, full text journal, magazine, and newspaper articles, and selected web resources on more than 185,000 people from throughout history, around the world, and across all disciplines and subject areas.

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Books in Print, the leading publication of R.R. Bowker, provides the most comprehensive collection of information available today on the vast U.S. book publishing industry. Books in Print contains over 1.5 million active bindings of all varieties - adult, juvenile, popular, scholarly and reprints - with more than 77,000 subject headings by which to search.

**Britannica Online**

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Online Writing Center

Free online writing tutoring is now available to all currently enrolled College of Marin students. The Online Writing Center (OWC) is staffed with experienced COM tutors—instructional specialists and English instructors—enabling students to address their writing questions online, 24/7. There are helpful grammar and composition links, as well as instructional materials about all aspects of the writing process and essay mechanics. Students can use these resources, as well as get help from tutors. While tutors do not proofread or edit students' work, they do provide assistance to students who are working to correct their patterns of errors and who need help with essay mechanics.

The COM writing tutors can help you with:

- Writing assignments for all college subjects
- Grammar, idea development, organization, and research
- College entrance essays, UC/CSU applications
- Scholarship applications
- Resumes and cover letters

All students can self-register for access to writing support from the Online Writing Center (OWC) here.

Distance Education

**Tired of commuting?**

COM offers a number of Distance Education (DE) courses to provide greater access to courses for those students for whom classroom-based courses are not convenient.

Visit Distance Learning web site for online courses, student services for DE students, and the Distance Education Support Center.

Distance Education Librarian: John Erdmann (All reference inquiries submitted between Sunday and Thursday will be answered within 24 hours)
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Indexing, abstracts and full text for the most important scholarly business journals, dating back as far as 1886. Also includes business books and monographs, company profiles, industry reports, market research reports, SWOT analyses, executive and analyst interviews, country economic reports, case studies, faculty seminar videos, and author profiles for the most-cited authors.

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CountryWatch.com is an information provider for schools, universities, libraries and individuals who need up-to-date Information and news on countries around the world and for public and private sector organizations with global operations and interests.

CQ Researcher
CQ Researcher contains in-depth articles on current and controversial issues. Each article contains a lengthy discussion of the issues, pros and cons, background information, a chronology, future outlook, a bibliography and links to related CQ Weekly stories.

EBSCO Information Services

English Language Learner Reference Center
The ELL Reference Center includes 1,000 main articles, written especially for English language learners. Topics include history, civics and culture; life skills; literature; and science.

Expanded Academic ASAP - Infotrac
From arts and the humanities to social sciences, science and technology, this database meets research needs across all academic disciplines. Access scholarly journals, news magazines, and newspapers - many with full text and images.

Facts on File: Online Databases

Gale Database Suite
A suite of databases from one of the world leaders in knowledge products. Gale is known for its accurate and authoritative reference content as well as its intelligent organization of full-text magazine and newspaper articles.

History Reference Center
Features full text for more than 200 leading history periodicals and over 1,990 reference books, encyclopedias and non-fiction books. Includes 57,000 historical documents, more than 80,000 biographies of historical figures, historical photos & maps and more than 80 hours of historical video.

History Study Center
History Study Center is an online resource providing a vast collection of digitized primary and secondary sources for the study of history. It is suitable for a wide range of users, from high school students looking for quick and reliable facts on a historical topic, to researchers examining hard-to-find primary source texts. Contents include reference books, essays, journal articles, historical newspaper and magazine articles, maps, rare books, government documents, transcripts of historical speeches, images and video clips.

LISTA
The Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts (LISTA) bibliographic database provides coverage on subjects such as librarianship, classification, cataloging, bibliometrics, online information retrieval, information management and more.

**Literature Resource Center**

Literature Resource Center provides access to biographies, bibliographies, and critical analyses of authors from every age and literary discipline. This database covers more than 120,000 novelists, poets, essayists, journalists, and other writers, with in-depth coverage of 2,500 of the most studied authors.

**Literary Reference Center Plus**

Combining information from major respected reference works, books, literary journals, and original content from EBSCO, Literary Reference Center Plus features an expertly selected collection of author biographies, plot summaries & work overviews, full-text essays from leading publishers, literary reference books & monographs, cover-to-cover full text for literary magazines & journals, book reviews from the most prestigious publications, poems from hundreds of sources, short stories, classic texts, author interviews, and much more. Also includes resources focusing on plays/drama, poetry, religious literature, and children's literature. This database also includes volumes of Fantasy/Science Fiction, Contemporary Literature, World Philosophy and Religious Literature and literary study guides covering American Literature, English Literature and literary genres.

**Nursing Reference Center**

This essential evidence-based nursing database provides nurses with a wealth of resources right at their fingertips. Nurses can quickly access point-of-care material, strengthen their nursing skills and access nursing literature.

**Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center**

Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center draws on the acclaimed social issues series published by Greenhaven Press, as well as core reference content from other Gale and Macmillan Reference USA sources to provide a complete one-stop source for information on social issues.

**Oxford Art Online**

A comprehensive art information resource with access to 45,000 articles, 500,000 biographical citations, 86,000 cross-references, 720,000 index entries, and images from the Bridgeman Art Library and other external image links.

**Oxford Reference Online - Online Dictionaries**

Oxford Reference Online Premium Collection provides over 100 dictionary (English and Bilingual), language reference, and authoritative subject reference titles covering the full academic spectrum including: art and architecture; biological sciences; classics; computing; earth and environmental sciences; economics and business; food and nutrition; general reference; history; law; literature; medicine; military history; mythology and folklore; performing arts; physical sciences and mathematics; politics and social sciences; religion and philosophy; and, science and technology.

**Points of View Reference Center**

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**ProQuest Research Library**

ProQuest Newspaper Provides full-text articles from five national newspapers including the Christian Science Monitor, Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Wall Street Journal and Washington Post. Average coverage dates include 1986 to present with limited Deep Backfile Option (Prior to 1986). ProQuest Nursing & Allied Health Source TM Provides users with reliable healthcare information covering nursing, allied health, alternative and complementary medicine, and much more. This versatile database is designed to meet the needs of researchers at healthcare facilities as well as nursing and allied health programs at academic institutions. ProQuest Nursing & Allied Health Source provides abstracting and indexing for more than 1,050 titles, with over 875 titles in full-text, plus more than 12,300 full text dissertations representing the most rigorous scholarship in nursing and related fields.

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**Small Business Reference Center**

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**ARTstor**

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