College of Marin
Library Resources 2010
for DE Students

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What Library Resources Are Available to DE Students?

- Online Catalog
- Circulating Books
- Online Databases
- Bibliography Resources
- The Public Library as a Resource
- The Reference Librarian
- The DE Librarian
It All Starts by Visiting the Library Webpage

www.marin.edu/lrc/
The Library Online Catalog
http://www.marin.edu/lrc/index.html

- Simply Google “College of Marin Library”
- Click on “Library Online Catalog”
- Catalog searchable by Title, Author, Subject, or Keyword
- Contains Reference Books, Circulating Materials, and Periodicals
Finding The Catalog

Google “College of Marin Library” to find our home page

Click this link to search the library catalog
What is the Catalog?

- Also known as an “OPAC” (Online Public Access Catalog)
- A computer database containing a record of all the materials in the library collection
- Also includes record of items located at Dominican University
- Catalog accessible from anywhere with Internet connection
What does the Catalog contain?

- The OPAC helps you locate books and other hard copy materials in the library
- These are items which you can check out
- COM Library offers over 120,000 titles
- Organized by subject using the Library of Congress Classification (LCC) System
- Located in the Southwest area of the library
The COM Library Database Page

Online Databases—includes Magazines, Journals and Newspapers.

The African American Experience

The widest-ranging and easiest-to-use online collection on African American life ever assembled, *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. The two primary goals: to provide rock-solid information from authorities in the field, and to allow African Americans to speak for themselves through a wealth of primary sources. Drawing on over 300 titles, and designed under the guidance of leading librarians, this database gives voice to the black experience from its African origins to the present day.

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.

If you are connecting from an off-campus location, you must have a valid College of Marin library card. For the Password, enter your library card barcode number without the spaces. (If you have difficulty, please call the Reference Desk at 415-485-9475.)

Book Index with Reviews
What is a Database?

- An online, subscription-only resource
- Contains articles and information from print sources such as magazines, newspapers, journals, and reference books.
- Accessible via the Internet
- Password protected (most require a library card)
Databases vs. Googling

- Googling is quick and easy
- Unfortunately, it doesn’t always give reliable information
- Some websites are very good…but hard to locate
- Databases provide more reliable, researched information
Accessing our Databases

- Start from the COM Library webpage
- Click on “Online Databases”
- Peruse the list of our databases
- Access individual database by clicking on the link.
- Most databases require you to enter your library card number
Which Databases are the most commonly used for English classes?

Some of the more popular databases are as follows:

- **Literature Resource Center** – Contains critical analyses of authors and their works
- **Expanded Academic ASAP** – Access to scholarly journals, news magazines, and newspapers
- **History Study Center** - Vast collection of primary and secondary history resources
- **Proquest** – Provides full text articles from national newspapers
The Database Handout

- Please request a copy of the Database Handout from your instructor or librarian at College of Marin
- Available in hard copy or electronically as a PDF file
- Contains passwords for specific databases that do not use your library card number
Bibliography Resources

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The following websites offer help creating a “works cited” page:

- [http://www.marin.edu/lrc/comlibguides.html](http://www.marin.edu/lrc/comlibguides.html)
  COM study guides for citing your work

- [http://www.calvin.edu/library/knightcite/](http://www.calvin.edu/library/knightcite/)
  KnightCite is an excellent resource for creating your citations

- [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/)
  Very scholarly site that covers a wide range of writing issues
Public Library Resources

- Join the public library in your area

- Your local public library also offers access to online databases, and (of course) books, magazines, and reference assistance

- For those of you who live in Marin County, visit the Marinet Catalog: http://marinet.lib.ca.us/

- Visit your library’s web page for more information on their offerings.
The Reference Desk

- A reference librarian is on duty at COM to assist you with your research
- Visit in person or contact by telephone
- Monday – Thursday from 9am to 9pm
- Friday from 9am to 4pm
- (415) 485-9475
The DE Librarian

- Supports our DE students by providing remote reference services via email
- Will reply to all reference inquiries submitted between Sunday and Thursday within 24 hours
- Can answer short, factual questions, and provide guidance on research strategies and library resources
- Please email the DE Librarian at jerdmann@mycom.marin.edu