Did You Know?

- Looking for one-on-one research assistance? Research consultations can be done in-person, via email or chat. If you would like to request a Research Consultation please visit the Libraries’ homepage.

- Many databases will format your article citations in MLA, APA, or other formats? For more information, see the Formatting Citations subject guide available on the Libraries’ homepage under the Research Help link.

- If an article is not available in full-text in the database you are searching, click on the Article Linker to find the full-text in another database or to see if the Libraries have that article available in print.

- The UMSL Library Catalog offers a new option, “Send via Text.” Instead of writing down the location code and call number to locate your book, you can text them to yourself or to someone in your group.

Database Spotlight: Criminal Justice Abstracts

Criminal Justice Abstracts is a criminology database that indexes international journals, books, reports, dissertations and unpublished papers on criminology and related disciplines. This database covers many topics including crime trends, crime prevention and deterrence, juvenile delinquency, juvenile justice, police, courts, punishment and sentencing. The publication dates of items indexed in Criminal Justice Abstracts range from 1966 to the present. This database can be accessed in the Libraries or remotely with your SSO ID and password.

If you have questions about Criminal Justice Abstracts or any of the other databases available on the Libraries’ homepage, please contact the Reference Desk at 314-516-5060 or Ask a Librarian.

What is a Subject Guide?

The UMSL Libraries have created subject guides to provide research assistance with a variety of topics. A complete list of available subject guides can be found on the Libraries’ homepage. Subject guides can be useful, self-help tools for navigating through electronic and print materials available in a particular subject area. Items included in subject guides are selected by librarians with extensive knowledge in that particular field. Subject guides are not meant to provide an exhaustive list of available resources. For more information, please contact the Reference Desk at 314-516-5060 or Ask a Librarian.

Finding Journal Articles by DOI, PMID, or UI

If your journal citation includes a Digital Object Identifier (DOI), PubMed ID (PMID) or MEDLINE Unique Identifier (UI) Number, start your search from the UMSL Libraries’ homepage, mouse over “Databases” on the left-hand menu, click on “Locate Journal Titles,” and type the number into the new “Search by article DOI, PMID or MEDLINE UI” search box.

A Mercantile Library Special Collection: The St. Louis Globe-Democrat Morgue

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat, published from 1875-1986, was once one of the most widely-read papers in St. Louis. Known as the newspaper "morgue," over 10,000,000 separate articles were cut out and filed by the newspaper between the 1920s and 1980s. When the paper ceased publication in 1986, the Mercantile Library acquired this vast collection of clipping files covering events and individuals in St. Louis during this time period.

Currently, the Mercantile Library is compiling an online database of clippings which are searchable by Name or St. Louis Subject. Filed in a separate series are over 225,000 photographs and approximately 700 glass plate negatives dating from the 1920s through the 1980s. A portion of this collection is digitized and available through the Missouri Digital Heritage Initiative - Globe Photograph Collection.

This collection provides a great resource to UMSL students, faculty, and staff who need primary source information on St. Louis and the surrounding region for their research. For more information on the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, please contact the Mercantile Library.

Government Documents: Great Resources for Research

As a depository that selects over 90% of the materials offered by the Federal Depository Library Program, the UMSL Libraries have one of the most extensive collections of government documents in the St. Louis area. This collection supports many areas of research conducted by UMSL students. For example, many of the government’s legislative resources can support research in Social Work, History, Public Policy, and many other disciplines. In addition, government information produced by several federal agencies such as NASA, the USGS, the FDA, and the NIH, among others, can be used by students to supplement their research in Chemistry, Mathematics, Computer Science, Nursing, and other disciplines in the Sciences. For more information on using government information, please contact the Reference Desk at 314-516-5060 or Ask a Librarian.