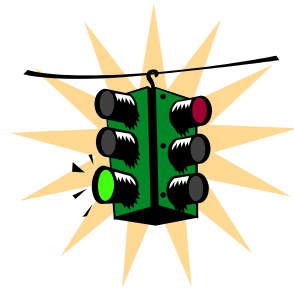


RMU Library's Getting Started Guide

I need help!



Research Assistance: All librarians at Robert Morris University have earned Master's Degrees in Library Science from an American Library Association accredited institution. Reference Librarians are available to assist students in the research process during most hours of the RMU Library's operation. Reference service is given on a first-come-first-serve basis. Students can also contact the reference librarians by phone or e-mail.

Moon Campus Library, Reference Desk
Phone: 412.397.3272
E-mail: librarym@rmu.edu

Pittsburgh Center Library, Reference Desk
Phone: 412.397.6839
E-mail: libraryp@rmu.edu



Also check out the RMU Library's new IM Reference.

RMU Library Web Site: The RMU Library Web site contains a plethora of RMU Library-related information including RMU Library policies, hours, research guides, and the RMU Library staff and faculty directory. The RMU Library Web site can be accessed at the following URL: <http://www.rmu.edu/library> or by connecting to RMU's main page at <http://www.rmu.edu> and clicking on the "Library" link located at the top of the page.

I need a topic!

The best way to find a topic and start the research process is to first gain a general understanding of the topic by reading an overview.

Try these databases:

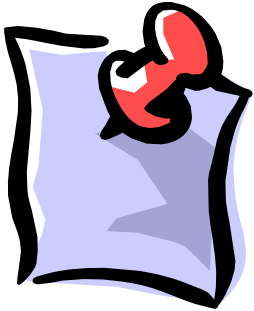
Britannica Online: The full text of the Encyclopedia Britannic is available on RMU Library computers and online via the RMU eLibrary. The Britannica provides the complete text of over 73,000 encyclopedic entries on a variety of topics, including historical events.

CQ Researcher: As part of the CQ Library this database provides a comprehensive background and balanced analysis of current controversial topics.

Issues and Controversies Online: This database provides background, statistical, and pro/con information about current controversial topics.

I need a book!

ROBCAT: All library materials (books, journal subscriptions, government documents, and media) are catalogued in ROBCAT, the RMU Library's online "card" catalog. ROBCAT is available via the RMU Library Web site and also at: <http://www.robcats.rmu.edu>



Librarian recommendation: If you are looking for books on a specific topic then DO NOT use the Subject Search on the first page. Instead, click on the "Keyword Search" tab and type your topic in here. The Keyword Search is a much broader search (more like a Google or Amazon.com search) and will return more results.

I need an Article!

ProQuest Database: ProQuest is RMU's largest periodical database collection. Use the ProQuest database to search thousands of journals, magazines, and newspapers for relevant articles. Many articles are available in their entirety on the database. Just look for the "Full Text" icons for instant gratification! Full text articles can be printed, downloaded, or e-mailed.

EBSCOhost: EBSCOhost is another large database collection. Unlike ProQuest, EBSCOhost databases are listed on the main page. Choose the relevant subject-specific databases by checking the boxes and clicking on "Continue." Like ProQuest, full text articles can be printed, downloaded, or e-mailed. **Academic Search Premier** is a general periodical database that includes many different topics and is a good choice for beginning researchers.

To access any of the databases, including ProQuest and EBSCOhost:

1. Connect to the RMU Web site at <http://www.rmu.edu>
2. Click on the "Library" link located at the top of the page. The RMU Library Web site will display.
3. Click on either the "Find Articles and Databases" link located on the left side of the page.
4. A listing of database subjects will display.

***** Off-campus users will be "challenged." If asked, log in using your RMU username and password.*****

I need more help!

Never hesitate to ask the RMU Librarian for research assistance. We are here to help!



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