

# Current Issues Resources in the Millstein Library

This handout serves as an overview.

It is only a small sample of what the Millstein Library has on your topic.

If you have trouble locating any of these resources, please ask at the Millstein Library service desk.

## Where to Start?

Select a topic. I like to browse the following sites:

Cambridge Scientific Abstracts [www.csa.com](http://www.csa.com)

Click the “Discovery Guides” tab.

--A great overview of current issues in most disciplines.

CQ Researcher <http://library2.cqpress.com/cqresearcher/index.php>

--Another great starting point for research on hot topics

Congressional (Lexis-Nexis) <http://web.lexis-nexis.com/congcomp>

Click the link to “Hot Bills/Topics”

--If you are searching for a current legislative topic, start here.

Google [www.google.com](http://www.google.com)

--Always a nice source of information.

## I Have a Topic, Now What?

To Find Articles:

For a general search, go to <http://www.library.pitt.edu/articles/subjects.html>.

Pick a subject, for example, Composition.

Using Zoom!, select or de-select the databases (indexes) you wish to search.

Want to narrow your research topic?

Try these resources listed under Databases A-Z

**Academic (Lexis-Nexis):** Full-text newspaper articles

**Academic Search Premier:** Scholarly and popular journal articles

**Congressional (Lexis-Nexis):** Full-text of bills and legislative issues

**CQ Researcher:** Comprehensive essays on hot topics

**Expanded Academic ASAP:** Scholarly and popular journal articles

**National Newspapers:** Full-text newspaper articles

## **Search the Library Catalog**

To Find Books:

If you want to find books on a hot topic, search the University of Pittsburgh's online library catalog:

PITTCat: <http://pittcat.pitt.edu>

Start off with a keyword search of your topic.

## **Paper Periodicals**

Want to browse? These are some of the journals that might cover your topic in the Millstein Library.

Newsweek

Scientific American

Time

## **Electronic Periodicals**

Go to: <http://www.library.pitt.edu> and select "E-Journals." Then type the desired journal title (i.e. "Newsweek").

## **Access from Home**

If you would like to get access to all of the databases above from home, simply go to: <http://sslvpn.pitt.edu>

Log in using your normal user name and password. Then click the link to the "Pitt Digital Library."

## **Stuck?**

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