



## Research on the Library Website

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#### Utica Campus Library (PH 200)

Email: [library@mvcc.edu](mailto:library@mvcc.edu)

Circulation Desk: 315-792-5408

Reference Desk: 315-792-5561

#### Learning Commons (WH/IT 129)

Librarian (Jocelyn):

[jireland@mvcc.edu](mailto:jireland@mvcc.edu), 315-792-5372

Front desk: 315-792-5517

#### Library Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00 A.M.-9:00 P.M

Friday 8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

Saturday 12:00-5:00 P.M.

Sunday 4:00-9:00 P.M.

#### Learning Commons Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00 A.M.-8:00 P.M

Friday 8:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.

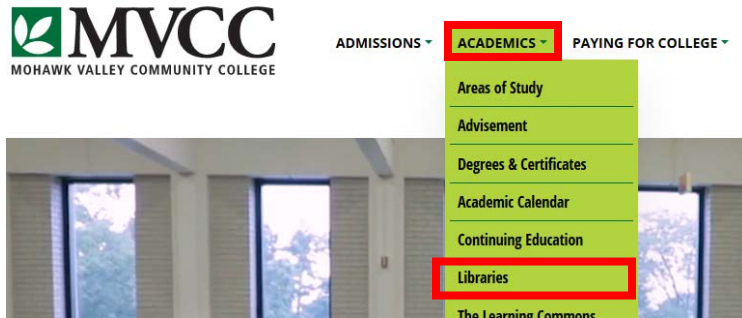
Saturday 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

Closed Sunday

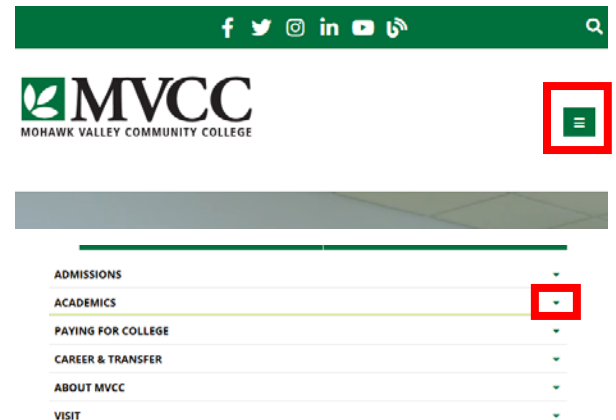
## Getting to the MVCC Library website

- There is more than one way to get to the library website. You can type the website URL ([mvcc.edu/library](http://mvcc.edu/library)) into the web browser's address bar. Another option is from the MVCC homepage, select the Academics drop-down menu and select Libraries.

### Desktop view:



### Mobile view:



## Library Homepage Screenshot

A screenshot of the MVCC Library homepage. The page has a green header with 'Library' and 'HOME > LIBRARY'. A left sidebar contains links like 'Library Hours', 'My Library Account', 'About the Library', 'Faculty Services', 'Interlibrary Loan', and 'Advanced Search'. A central search bar is labeled 'Search the Library Collection:' with a 'Search' button. Below the search bar are four service tiles: 'A-Z DATABASES', 'WRITING HELP', 'ASK A LIBRARIAN', and 'RESEARCH GUIDES'. At the bottom, there are sections for 'Other Library Links' (with links to 'Getting Started With Research' and 'Citing Sources') and 'Contact Us' (with contact info for Stephen Frisbee).

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Contact Us

Stephen Frisbee, Library Director

Library Faculty and Staff Directory

Sign into your library account to view requests and items checked out

Search for journal articles, books, or movies with this main search box

Find citation guides here

# Search Strategies

## Boolean Operators

For more precise searching, connect your keywords in a meaningful way using the words: AND, OR, and NOT.

### AND

Using AND narrows your search. The more keywords you connect with AND, the fewer, more concentrated results you will retrieve.

Example:

“human trafficking” AND children

### OR

Using OR expands your result. It’s especially useful when a concept can be described equally well with more than one keyword.

Example:

unemployment OR “job displacement”

### NOT

Using NOT will narrow your search. This type of search is good when you know you don’t want certain results.

Example:

cloning NOT sheep

## Truncation

Truncation broadens your search to include various word endings and spellings. To truncate, remove the ending of a keyword and add an asterisk. For example:

nurs\* = nurse, nurses, nursery, and nursing

genetic\* = genetic, genetics, genetically

## Quotation marks around phrases

Putting quotation marks around a phrase ensures the database retrieves results with the exact phrase.

Example: “mass shootings”

## A good place to start finding sources



Search the Library Collection:

Search

# Databases

To view the list of library databases, select A-Z Databases button on the library homepage. Think of databases as buckets that hold millions of electronic resources often not available through the open web. Electronic resources may include scholarly journal articles, newspaper and magazine articles, ebooks, videos, and other proprietary resources. MVCC Libraries subscribes to over a hundred different databases. Each database specializes in a different subject.



## Finding the right database for you:

A-Z Databases: All  
Find the best library databases for your research.

115 DATABASES Search for Databases Go

All Subjects All Database Types All Vendors / Providers

All A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z #

115 Databases found for All Clear Filters/Browse All Databases

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Academic OneFile  
Source for peer-reviewed, full-text articles from the world's leading journals and reference sources. Multidisciplinary resources with extensive coverage of the physical sciences, technology, medicine, social sciences, the arts, theology, literature and other subjects.

- Once you have decided on a database, click the database’s title to start searching for articles.
- After you are in the database, enter your keywords into the search boxes.
- **If you are off-campus, the database will ask you to sign-in. Use your MVCC username and password – the same log-in you use for campus computers and student email.**

**Tip!** Don’t focus your search in just one database. Different databases are going to provide access to different journals. If you use only one database, you are missing out on a lot of good information that will help your research.

Is the journal article scholarly or not scholarly?	
Scholarly (also called peer-reviewed or refereed)	Not Scholarly
Articles are written by experts in the field	Author may or may not be a subject matter expert
Articles are usually divided to sections such as: Abstract, Introduction, Conclusion, References	No or little references are cited and tend to include photographs
Articles have specialized terminology of the field	Articles are written in common language
Targeted audience is not the general public, but rather fellow experts in the field	Geared toward a general audience
Articles go through an extensive review process by other experts in the field	Editorial process ranges depending on the source
Examples: <i>Applied Microbiology &amp; Biotechnology</i> , <i>American Journal of Nursing</i> , <i>Digital Humanities Quarterly</i>	Examples: <i>Newsweek</i> , <i>Time</i> , <i>New York Times</i> , <i>Rolling Stone</i>

## Finding Scholarly Sources in *Academic Search Complete*

*Academic Search Complete* is a popular database that holds articles on a variety of subjects. If you need to find a scholarly journal article and don't know which database to choose, *Academic Search Complete* is a good place to go. To get here, select the "A-Z Databases" button on the library homepage. *Academic Search Complete* will be one of the databases on the first page under the A's.

1. Type your keywords in the search box.

**Tip!** To expand your search, add the word "OR" between synonyms in the same box (example: "law enforcement" OR police).

2. Under "Limit your results", check off Full Text and Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals.
3. Click the Search button.
4. A list of articles will appear. If no results appear, check your spelling or change the search terms.
5. Scroll through your results. To see a summary (also called abstract) of an article, click on the blue title. A detailed record of the article will appear. To view the full article, click on the "PDF Full Text" link.

Searching: Academic Search Complete | Choose Databases

Search: human trafficking | Select a Field (optional) | Search

AND | children or adolescents | Select a Field (optional) | Clear

AND | | Select a Field (optional) | + -

Basic Search | Advanced Search | Search History

Search Options

Search Modes and Expanders

Search modes

- Boolean/Phrase
- Find all my search terms
- Find any of my search terms
- SmartText Searching [Hint](#)

Apply equiv.

Apply relate.

Also search

References

Published Dr.

Month

Limit your results

- Full Text
- Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals

**Tip!** If the article fits well with your research questions, write down the keywords and subjects assigned to the article. These will be useful to find other articles like it. Also, look at the References cited at the end of the article. The author did a lot of research to write this article. These are sources you can look up too! A librarian can help you track down the articles if needed.

Detailed Record

HTML Full Text

PDF Full Text (142KB)

PlumX Metrics

Related Information

Cited References (12)

Find Similar Results using SmartText Searching.

< Result List | Refine Search | 4 of 409 >

### Child Trafficking: Issues for Policy and Practice.

Authors: Greenbaum, V. Jordan<sup>1</sup>  
Yun, Katherine<sup>1</sup>  
Todres, Jonathan<sup>1</sup>

Source: Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics. Spring2018, Vol. 46 Issue 1, p159-163. 5p. 1 Chart.

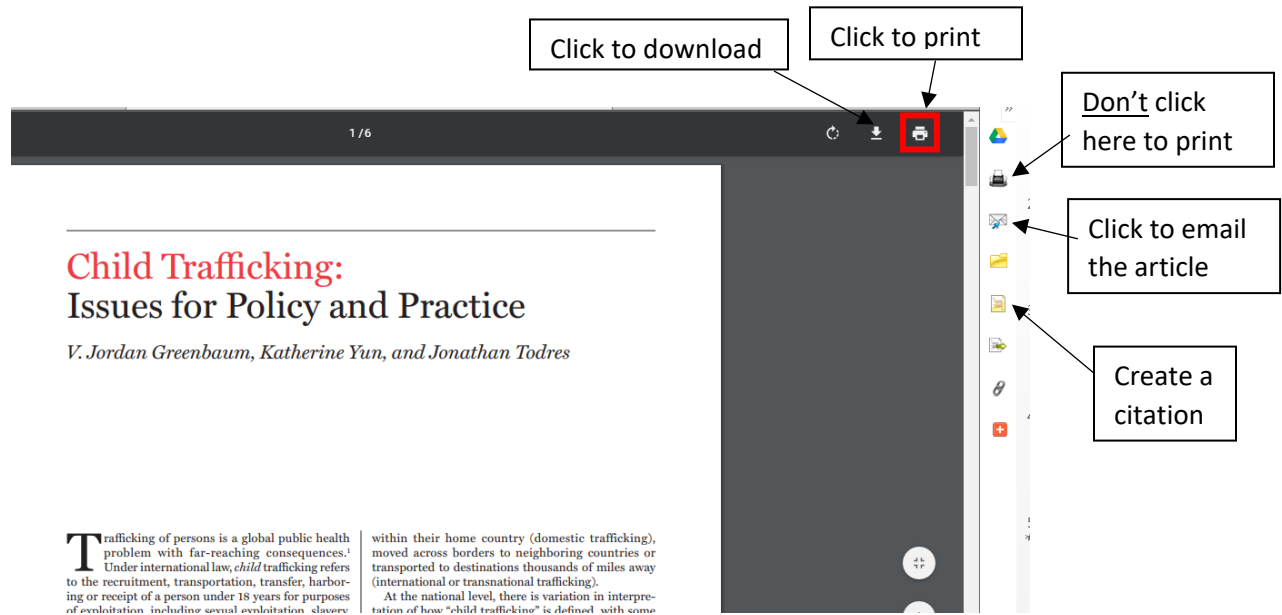
Document Type: Article

Subject Terms: \*HUMAN trafficking -- Law & legislation  
\*HUMAN trafficking -- Prevention  
\*CHILD welfare  
\*HUMAN rights  
\*MEDICAL personnel

Assigned subject terms – you can use these terms to find similar articles

## Finding articles in a library database continued

6. Once you have an article open, you can print the article.



## Databases to start investigating opposing viewpoints

- *Opposing Viewpoints in Context*
- *Issues and Controversies*
- *CQ Researcher*
- *Points of View Reference Center*

Note: The above listed databases specialize in articles and reports meant for a general audience. They include summaries of viewpoints written by professional writers, news reports by journalists, audio interviews, videos, and other resources to examine viewpoints on timely controversial issues.

While there are some articles from scholarly, peer-reviewed sources, the above databases do not provide access to many academic journals. If you are seeking peer-reviewed articles, there are better databases to use, such as *Academic Search Complete* or another subject-specific database like *Criminal Justice Collection*.

## Finding books in the Library's collection

Books are great resources to get a comprehensive look at an issue. Peer-reviewed articles tend to be on a very specific study, but books provide a more overarching look at a topic.

1. You can use the main search box or the Advanced Search button on the library homepage to find books – both physical and ebooks.



2. Enter search terms in the search box. Just use keywords not sentences.
3. On the results page, you can narrow results to books. Under filters select “Material Type” and then Books. This will return both electronic books and physical books located in the library (Utica or Rome).
4. If you would only like to view physical books, select “In Library.”
5. Physical books will include which campus library holds the book and the call number.
6. Select a book’s title to see a summary and a virtual browse (it shows you books on the same subject).
7. You can also sign into your library account to request a book. Library staff will remove the book from the shelf and hold it at the front desk for you to pick up. Sign into your library account with the same login as SIRS (M# and six-digit pin).

Availability ^

- Available online
- In Library**
- Open Access
- Peer-reviewed Journals

Publication Date ^

From 1800 to 2020 Refine

**Material Type ^**

- Articles (213,085)
- Newspaper Articles (154,147)
- Text Resources (11,100)
- Reviews (6,452)
- Reference Entries (3,456)
- Audio Visual (612)
- Books (576)**
- Conference Proceedings (146)

2012, c2011

Available Online

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BOOK/EBOOK

**Human traffic**

Fisanick, Christina Contributor

2010

Available at Utica Campus Library

Available Online

4

BOOK/EBOOK

**Human traffic**

Jessica Neuwei

Cullen-DuPont, Katherine Contributor

@2009

Available at Utica Campus Library

5

VIDEO

**Human traffic**

Duguay, Christian Contributor

screenwriter.; So Rémy, actor.; Cor

2007

**BOOK/EBOOK**

**Human trafficking**

Fisanick, Christina Contributor

2010

Available at Utica Campus Library Utica Stacks (HQ281 .H864 2010) >

Available Online >

Physical books will say where the book is located. Ebooks will say “Available Online.” Some books like this one are available both as an ebook and physical book.