Library Resources for the English Composition Research Paper

Start with the Library Guide

On the Library Webpage click on the image under the Research column. Scroll down and click on English Composition.

Narrowing Your Topic and Searching for Articles

Click on Opposing Viewpoints in Context or SIRS Researcher. Both contain mini-research guides on current topics.

Each guide:

- includes an overview of the topic and suggestions for narrowing the topic, and some even include research questions and thesis statements.
- contains hundreds of full-text articles, as well as book chapters, audio transcripts, and statistics.
- provides the APA/MLA citation for each source. From the results list, click on the title of the desired article and look for the Cite links on the side of the page.

Finding Wisconsin-Based Sources

Try adding the word Wisconsin to your search:
charter schools and Wisconsin
immigration and laws and Wisconsin

You can also search the Green Bay Press Gazette — current and back issues!

Another strategy is to add Wisconsin news to a Google search:
“gun control” Wisconsin news
presidential campaign Wisconsin news

Ask for Help!

1. Contact Julie Chapman directly: julie.chapman@nwtc.edu or call her at 920-498-5490
2. Call the main Library phone number: 920-498-5493.
3. Go to the library’s webpage and click on Ask a Librarian. You then have the choice to search for an answer, email your question, or start a live chat during Library hours.
5. Stop by the Library Desk!
Searching for Books, E-Books, E-Videos, and More Articles

Add books, e-books, e-videos and more articles to your search by using the Library Search box.

Limit Your Results by using the options on the left side of the results screen. You can:

Limit to articles in Scholarly, Peer Reviewed journals.

Change the date range.

Choose a specific type of resource, such as Book, Magazine, or Newspaper.

Narrow by a specific Subject.

Help Citing Your Sources

Click on Citing Sources to access the Library’s Citation Guide and MLA and APA citation handouts.

Access the Citation Builder to help create the citations themselves.

Do not hesitate to contact Julie Chapman or the Writing Lab for citation help!

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