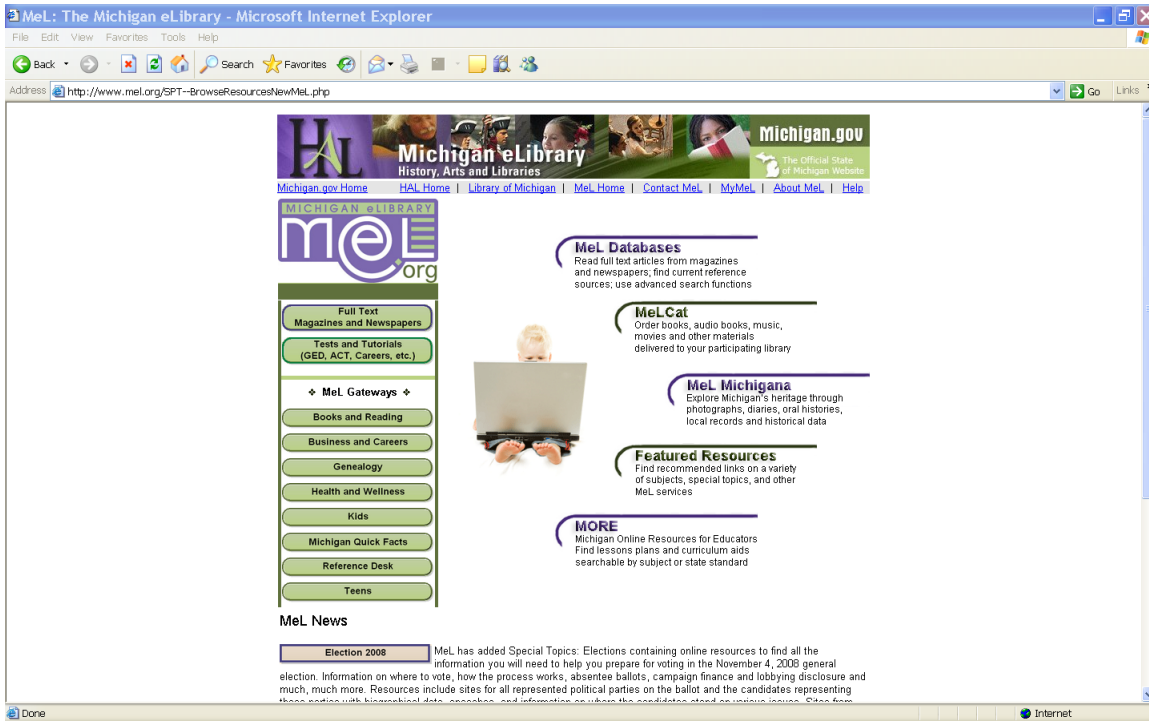


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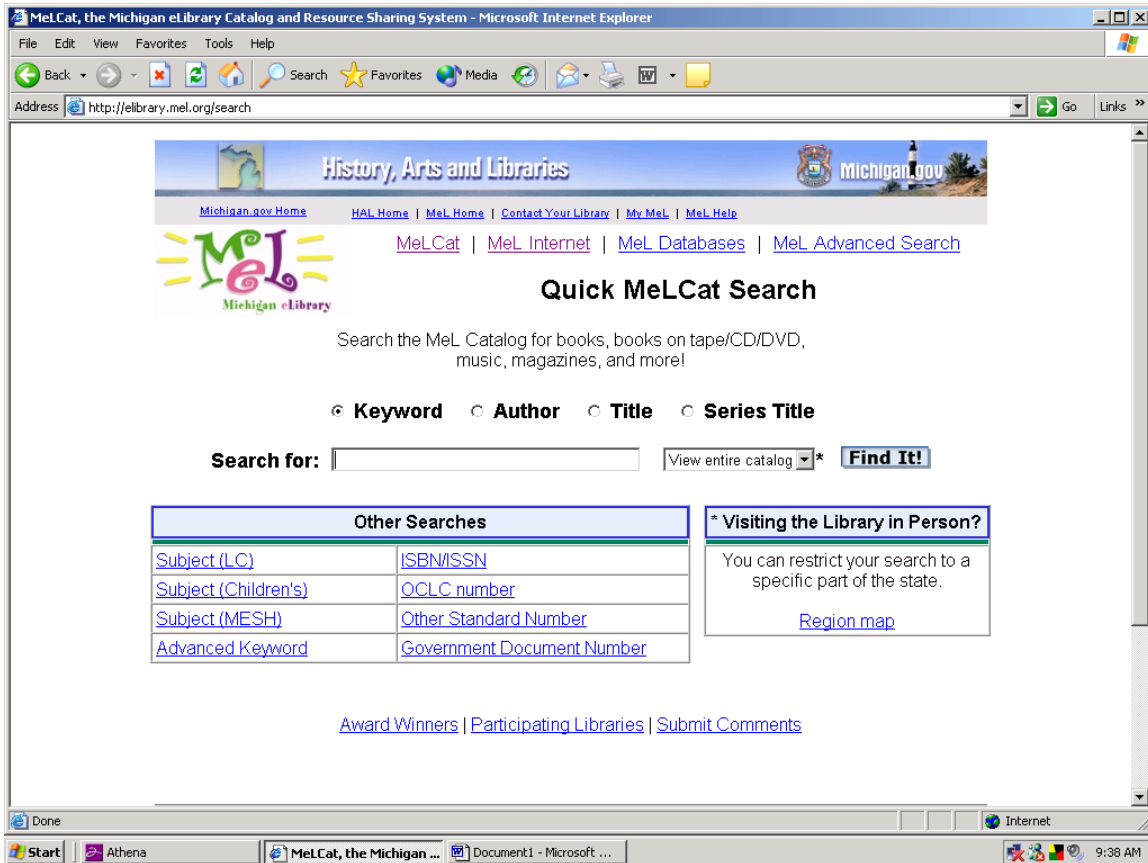
The Michigan Electronic Library



www.mel.org

The Michigan Electronic Library provides information services to all Michigan residents. This site offers many resources that can be extremely useful in scholarly research.

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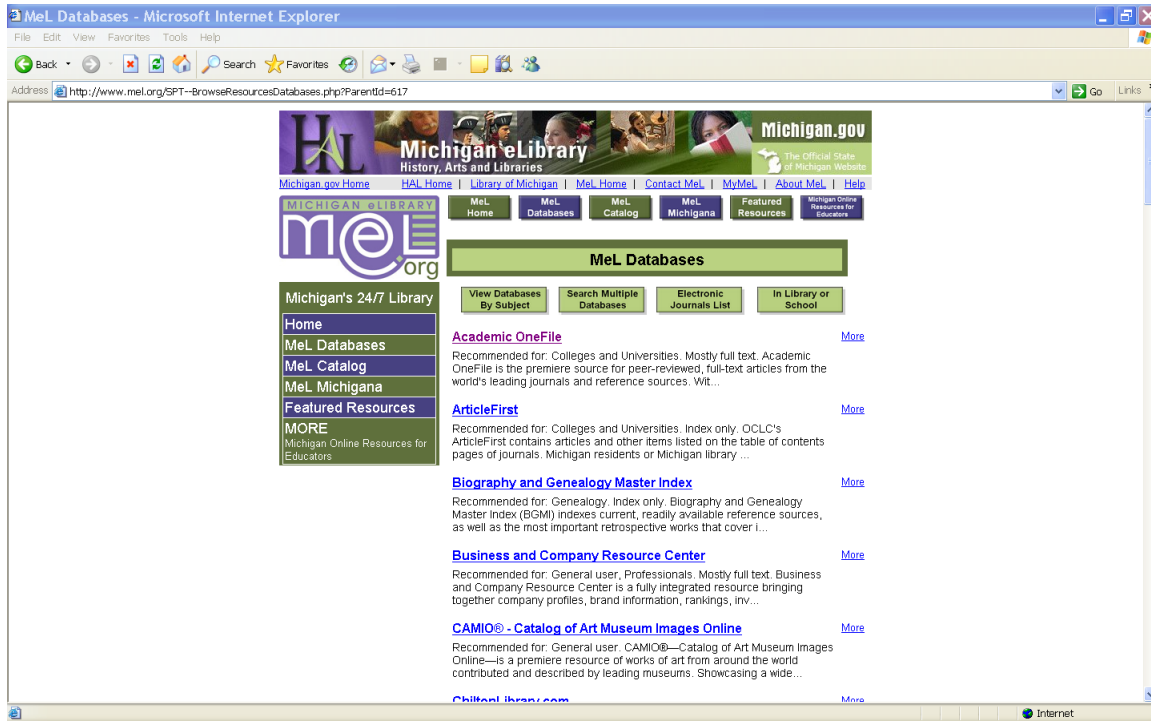


MelCat is the Michigan Electronic Library Catalog. This feature of mel allows the user to search nearly every online library catalog simultaneously. This allows the user to find which libraries own a particular book and can also be used successfully to build bibliographic awareness in a particular subject area.

Mel Internet

The Mel Internet is a subject guide to websites that have been evaluated by Michigan librarians. Utilizing this feature will allow the researcher to find high quality web resources.

Mel Databases



Perhaps the most useful feature of the Michigan Electronic Library are the MeL Databases. These databases are purchased databases and indexes that are available to all Michigan residents through MeL. This is an extremely valuable service. Many of these databases are quite expensive and very useful in assisting the student performing research.

MeL Databases

Database Name	Topics	Contents	Full Text?	Login Required?
Academic OneFile	All Topics	Magazines & Journals	Mostly	Login Required
ArticleFirst	All Topics	Magazines & Journals	Index Only	Login Required
Biography and Genealogy Master Index	Biography & Genealogy	Reference Works	Index Only	Login Required

CINAHL - Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature	Health & Medicine	Books, Magazines, Journals, & Dissertations	Some	Login Required
Computer Database	Computers & Technology	Magazines & Journals	Some	Login Required
ECO - Electronic Collections Online	Social Sciences	Magazines & Journals	Some	Login Required
Educator's Reference Complete	Education	Journal Articles & Reports in Education	Mostly	Login Required
ERIC - Education Resources Information Center	Education	Journal Articles & Reports in Education	Mostly	Login Required
Expanded Academic ASAP	All Topics	Magazines, Journals, & Newspapers	Mostly	Login Required
Gale Virtual Reference Library	All Topics	Electronic Reference Books	All	Login Required
General BusinessFile ASAP	Business & Economics	Magazines, Journals, Newspapers, Directories & Investment Analysis	Mostly	Login Required
General Reference Center Gold	All Topics	Magazines, Newspapers, & Reference Books	Mostly	Login Required
GPO Monthly Catalog	All Topics	U.S. Government Information Publications	Index Only	Login Required
Health & Wellness Resource Center with Alternative Health	Health & Medicine	Magazines, Journals, Newspapers, Books, Definitions, Directories, Pamphlets, & Newsletters	Mostly	Login Required
Health Reference Center Academic	Health & Medicine	Books, Magazines, Journals, & Pamphlets	Mostly	Login Required
InfoTrac Custom Newspapers	News	Newspapers & Newswires	All	Login Required
InfoTrac Junior Edition	All Topics	Magazines, Newspapers, & Reference Books	Mostly	Login Required
InfoTrac Student Edition	All Topics	Magazines, Newspapers, & Reference Books	Mostly	Login Required

LegalTrac	Government, Politics, & Law	Magazines, Journals, & Newspapers	Some	Login Required
Making of Modern Michigan	Local/State History	Photographs, Family Papers, Oral Histories, Genealogical Materials, & Much More.	Some	No Login Required
MEDLINE	Health & Medicine	Magazines & Journals	Some	Login Required
MeLCat	All Topics	Books, Magazines, & Electronic Resources	Some	No Login Required
MeL Internet	All Topics	Librarian-Recommended Web Sites	Some	No Login Required
NetLibrary	All Topics	Electronic Books	Yes	Login Required
NewsBank Michigan Newspapers	All Topics	Newspaper Articles	All	Login Required
New York Times	News	NY Times Newspaper	All	Login Required
SIRS Discoverer Deluxe	All Topics	Books, Images, Magazines, Maps, & Newspapers	All	Login Required
WilsonSelectPlus	All Topics	Magazines & Journals	All	Login Required
World Almanac	All Topics	Books & Reference	Some	Login Required
WorldCat	All Topics	Books & Magazines	Some	Login Required

Most of these databases will require a login using either your MichNet library card (your MTS Library card will not work) or your Michigan driver's license number.



Each of these databases will provide some benefit to the general researcher and several can be used to great advantage in your research at MTS. The Gale, Infotrac and Wilson databases can be used in general research and tracking down basic articles on topics. This will sometimes even help you with more advanced topics. These databases are similar to encyclopedias and large magazine collections working together to provide information. The Academic OneFile database is a full-text database of magazines and journals of research value. The ArticleFirst database is an indexing service of a wide range of periodicals. NetLibrary has a large selection of e-books available. The health databases (including Medline) can help with personal health issues, but also with research in psychology. Perhaps the most useful tool for advanced research is WorldCat.

FirstSearch: WorldCat Advanced Search - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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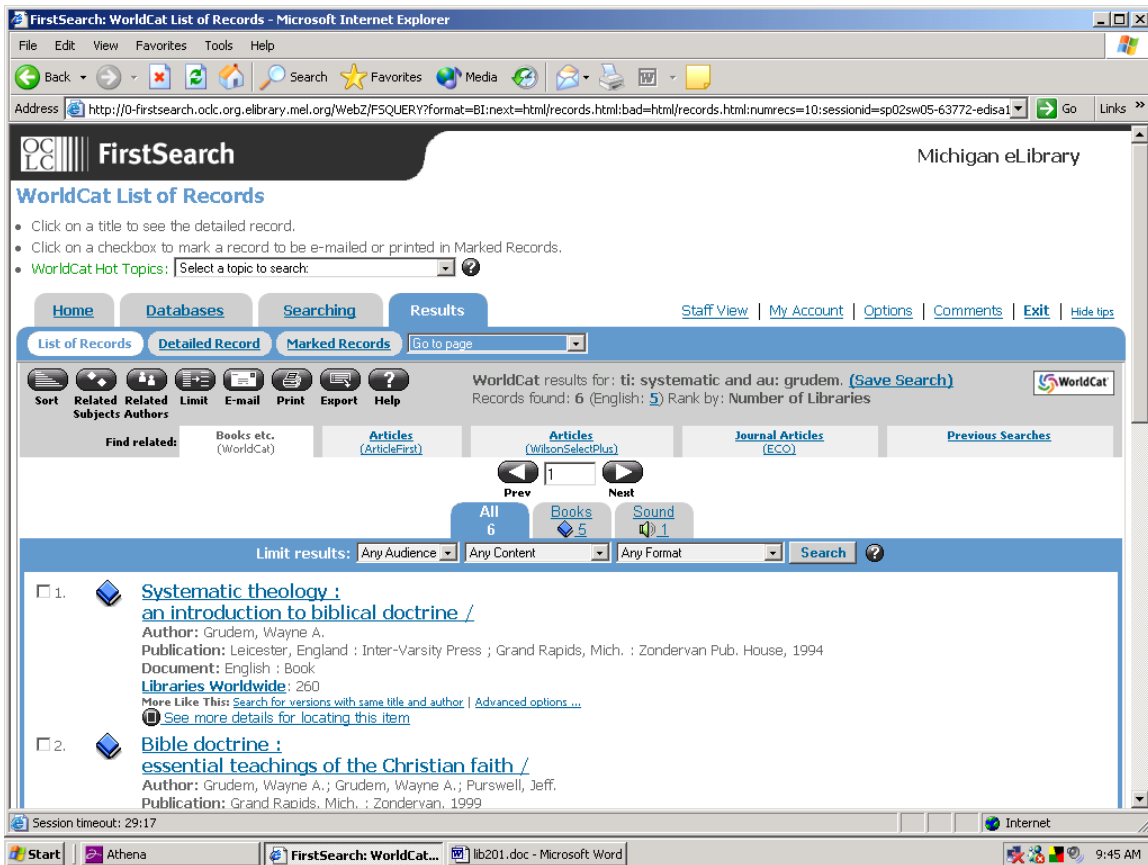
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WorldCat is essentially a worldwide database of library catalogs. This can help greatly when trying to track down a rare book or trying to find if a library near you has a book. This database can also help greatly in building bibliography for initial research or future references. The database works essentially like our Athena ILS, but instead of searching our catalog, you are searching catalogs worldwide.

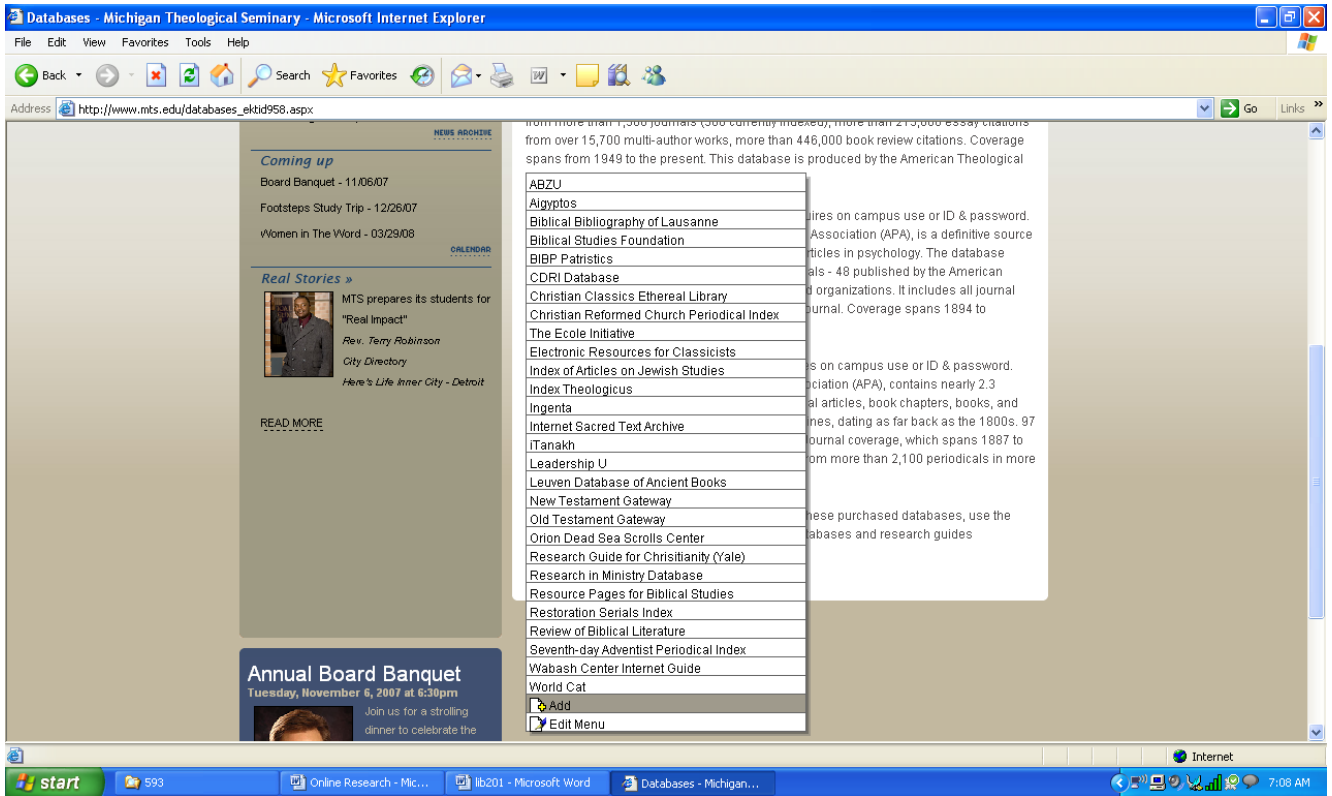
The Internet Public Library



www.ipl.org

The Internet Public Library is a project born from the University of Michigan Library and Information Science Program. The site serves as a large subject guide for evaluated resources on the web. The site essentially serves as a large annotated bibliography in dozens of subjects of useful websites, electronic books, e-journals and other sources available on the internet. Since this guide is maintained by professional information specialists, the websites found on this site can be trusted to provide fairly solid information. This can be a very useful tool for general reference, as well as specific research in religion, philosophy, history, language, psychology and a wealth of other subjects.

Other Online Databases



In addition to the subscription databases and MEL databases, the MTS library webpage provides access to several online databases and research guides that have significant value for research in biblical and theological studies. These can be accessed directly by selecting the title from the drop-down menu located on the “Databases” page. Each of these databases will vary in value and will operate differently. You will need to experiment with each to find those that are of the most use to your project.

Other Sites of Interest

Google Scholar

www.google.com/scholar

The best scholarly search engine available. The engine returns scholarly level articles, websites and citations.

Google Books

<http://www.google.com/books>

Millions of digitized books are available at this site. Some of the books are full-text and completely visible. Some are searchable, but not fully accessible.

The Wasbash Center Internet Guide

http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/guide_headings.aspx

This is the most exhaustive resource available online for theological, Biblical and religious studies. While the guide itself does not provide this information it will point the researcher in the direction of online resources in specific fields. The guide includes a variety of resources of interest, including electronic texts, journals, websites, bibliographies and more. The site is maintained by the Wabash librarians and is designed for teachers, however, the site is equally useful for the student.

The New Testament Gateway

www.ntgateway.com

A web directory of internet resources on the New Testament maintained by Duke University's Mark Goodacre.

The New Testament Greek Gateway

www.ntgateway.com/greek

A web directory of internet resources on the Greek New Testament maintained by Duke University's Mark Goodacre

Religion Online

<http://www.religion-online.org/>

This resource is maintained by William F. Fore and is kept fairly up to date. It includes a collection of essays and books by various theologians from diverse perspectives. The site is a very useful gateway to theological resources available online.

Sola Scriptura: A Reformed Theology Resource

<http://www.mbrem.com/>

A useful site covering Reformed theology from John Calvin to present. The site provides articles on many major reformed theologians as well as articles on

theological topics. The site is maintained by Michael Bremmer and kept fairly well current.

Fides Quarens Internetum

<http://people.bu.edu/bpstone/theology/theology.html>

This site is a theological gateway maintained by Bryan Stone at Boston University. It offers links to theological societies, seminaries, libraries, discussions and other useful resources in the study of theology.

Bible.org

<http://www.bible.org>

This is the home of the NET Bible translation, but the site also offers scholarly articles by a variety of professors, pastors and other authors. A useful source for the study of theology and/or Bible.

Citing Online Resources

Web Sites

Usually you will be citing a specific article on a website, however, if you need to include a general web site in a bibliography, it would follow this format.

B Michigan Theological Seminary. <http://www.mts.edu>. [accessed Oct 20, 2008].

Online Web-Site Articles

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Online Version of a Printed Journal

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Other Research Resources

Religious and Theological Abstracts

Religious and Theological Abstracts is a citation database available from the MTS Library Database page. This database requires an ID and password for full access (the same ID and password as the EBSCO databases). The database is a periodical database of religious and theological articles. It is not quite as extensive as ATLA RDB, does not provide the description level of ATLA RDB (there are no subject codes), but the advantage of this database is that each citation includes an abstract.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Religious and Theological Abstracts (RTA) website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, Search R&TA, Sign Out of R&TA, Journals we abstract, Classification of abstracts, Become an abstractor, List your journal, and Contact Us. The main content area features the title "Religious and Theological Abstracts" and the tagline "We tell you what the title doesn't say." Below this, there are three paragraphs of text: "We provide objective summaries of articles appearing in scholarly journals in the fields of Religion and Theology.", "We list a wide variety of periodical literature, including Christian, Jewish, and other World religions.", and "We provide English language abstracts of articles in English, Hebrew, Afrikaans, and major European languages." A link "Click here to Subscribe" is provided. On the right side, there is a list of editors and section editors, including William Sailer (1991 - Present), J. Creighton Christman (1958 - 1990), and Associate Editors David C. Greulich and Harold P. Scanlin. The footer contains links for Home, Search RTA, New Subscription, Journals, and Contact Us, along with a copyright notice for 2009.

Print Bibliographies

Nearly every area of study has several print bibliographies associated with that research area. These are usually the output of another researcher's work and can be a helpful kick start to beginning any project. These bibliographies can often be found simply browsing the library shelves. They will either be located with the subject area or in the 'Z' section of the library.

Other Library Websites

One group of resources that are often overlooked in research are library websites. Most academic libraries include much more than just information concerning their libraries on their websites. Research instructions, paper writing instructions, research pathways, links, subject guides and more can be found on most library websites. Schools that are

well known for their research libraries also tend to have very useful websites (University of Michigan, Princeton, Yale, University of Texas, Dallas Theological Seminary...) It would probably be worth your time to play around on a few websites of institutions that are known to be strong in your particular area of research.

Michigan Libraries

- Albion College
 - <http://www.albion.edu/library/>
- Alma College
 - <http://www.alma.edu/library/>
- Alpena Community College
 - <http://www.alpena.cc.mi.us/library/lrcweb.htm>
- **Andrews University**
 - <http://www.andrews.edu/library/>
- Baker College
 - <http://www.baker.edu/library/>
- **Calvin College**
 - <http://www.calvin.edu/Library>
- Central Michigan University
 - <http://www.lib.cmich.edu/>
- Delta College
 - <http://www.delta.edu/library/>
- Eastern Michigan University
 - <http://www.emich.edu/halle/>
- Ferris State University
 - <http://www.ferris.edu/library/>
- Grand Rapids Community College
 - <http://www.grcc.cc.mi.us/library/>
- Grand Valley State University
 - <http://www.gvsu.edu/library/>
- Hillsdale College
 - <http://www.hillsdale.edu/library/>
- Hope College
 - <http://www.hope.edu/resources/lib/>
- Kalamazoo College
 - <http://www.kzoo.edu/is/library/>
- Kettering University (formerly GMI Engineering and Management Institute)
 - <http://www.kettering.edu/library/>
- Lake Michigan College
 - <http://lmcl.library.net/>
- Lake Superior State University

- <http://www.lssu.edu/library/>
- Lansing Community College
 - <http://www.lansing.cc.mi.us/library/>
- Macomb Community College
 - <http://webpac.wayne.edu/webpac-bin/wgbroker?new+-access+top.mcc>
- **Madonna University**
 - <http://ww3.munet.edu/library/>
- **Michigan State University**
 - <http://www.lib.msu.edu/>
- Michigan Technological University
 - <http://www.lib.mtu.edu/>
- Montcalm Community College
 - <http://www.montcalm.edu/library/>
- Northern Michigan University
 - <http://www.nmu.edu/www-edgar/ais/library.htm>
- Northwestern Michigan College
 - <http://www.nmc.edu/%7Elibrary/>
- Northwood University
 - <http://www.northwood.edu/mi/library/>
- Oakland Community College
 - <http://www.occ.cc.mi.us/library/>
- Oakland University
 - <http://www.kl.oakland.edu/>
- Saginaw Valley State University
 - <http://library.svsu.edu/screens/mainmenu.html>
- Southwestern Michigan College
 - <http://www.swmich.edu/camplife/lib.htm>
- University of Detroit - Mercy
 - <http://webpac.wayne.edu/webpac-bin/wgbroker?new+-access+top.udm>
- **University of Michigan**
 - <http://www.lib.umich.edu>
- University of Michigan - Business
 - <http://lib.bus.umich.edu/>
- University of Michigan - Dearborn
 - <http://wizard.umd.umich.edu/>
- University of Michigan - Flint
 - <http://www.flint.umich.edu/Departments/Library/>
- Walsh College Library
 - <http://webpac.wayne.edu/webpac-bin/wgbroker?1116112853082814831+-access+top.wal>
- Washtenaw Community College
 - <http://library.wccnet.org/>

- Wayne County Community College District Library
 - <http://webpac.wayne.edu/webpac-bin/wgbroker?new+-access+top.wsu>
- **Wayne State University**
 - <http://www.lib.wayne.edu>
- Western Michigan University
 - <http://www.wmich.edu/library/>
- Ypsilanti District Library
 - <http://www.ypsilibrary.org/>

Of course there are other libraries outside of Michigan that can be particularly helpful online sources. Dallas Theological Seminary (<http://library.dts.edu>) has a wealth of information and helpful guides. University of Texas (www.lib.utexas.edu) has perhaps the most useful subject guides available from an academic library. Search for library websites in the particular field you are doing research (Jewish libraries, school libraries with large psychology programs, seminary libraries).

The American Theological Library Association Directory can be very useful in tracking down seminary library websites. *Graduate Study in Psychology: 2009* (BF 77 .G73 2009) list every major psychology program in the country, including websites. There are also several guides to psychology research on the internet available in our collection (just search Athena using “psychology” and “internet” as search terms).

Dissertations

Dissertations often contain the latest and most extensive research available on a given topic. Most libraries, however, contain few dissertations in their given collections (MTS currently has nearly 700 dissertations and theses in its collection). Many dissertations are available in different formats online. The sites listed below can assist you in locating these resources. You can also purchase nearly every dissertation produced in the United States through UMI’s ProQuest service (http://www.proquest.com/products_umi/dissertations). Often the MTS Library will be willing to purchase the dissertation, assuming the dissertation is in line with the school’s collection development goals. The library staff may also be able to assist you with acquiring a dissertation via inter-library loan (though many schools will not loan out dissertations).

<http://www.abes.fr/abes/DesktopDefault.aspx?Loupe=Moin>

Abes: Agence Bibliographique de l’Enseignement Supérieur
Provides citations to French dissertations. Knowledge of French is needed to navigate this site.

<http://adt.caul.edu.au>

Australian Digital Theses Program

Provides both citation and full-text access to a few thousand theses and dissertations from Australian universities.

<http://www.bl.uk/services/bsds/dsc/theses.html>

The British Library

The British Library provides citations of theses from British universities since the 1970s, nearly 500,000 from the United States, and from Canada since 1980. Full-text documents may be ordered for a fee.

<http://www.crl.edu>

Center for Research Libraries

"CRL is a consortium of North American universities, colleges, and independent research libraries. The consortium acquires and preserves traditional and digital resources for research and teaching and makes them available to member institutions through interlibrary loan and electronic delivery." Includes over 20,000 doctoral dissertations.

<http://www.cybertheses.org/cybertheses/cybertheses.html>

Cybertheses

Provides French dissertations from 1972 to the present. French is required to navigate.

<http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/theses>

Digital Library and Archives

Digital Library and Archives (Virginia Polytechnic Institute) allows searching for citations and abstracts of over 6,700 theses and dissertations. Free full-text access is provided for more than half of the documents.

<http://www.historians.org/pubs/dissertations/index.cfm>

Directory of Dissertations in Progress

"The Directory contains 3,799 dissertations in progress at 170 academic departments in Canada and the U.S." All citations are from dissertations in progress in the field of history.

<http://www.dissertation.com>

Dissertation.com

This database is still small (only a few hundred documents), but the site allows free, full-text access to the first twenty-five pages of each thesis and dissertation.

<http://www.ndltd.org>

NDLTD - Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations
Provides access to citations from thousands of digital dissertations and theses in PDF format. A large number of these documents are available in electronic full-text at no charge.

<http://www.phddata.org>

PhdData: The Universal Index of Dissertations in Progress
PhdData has citations from several thousand dissertations in progress from various parts of the world.

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/thesescanada/index-e.html>

Theses Canada Portal
Provides access to bibliographic citations for all the theses in the National Library of Canada Theses Collection. Access to full-text theses is available for all items published between January 1, 1998 to August 31, 2002.

<http://www.mkengel.de/thesis/thesis.htm>

Theses Link Collection
This site gives links to dissertation/theses search sites in many different countries, including Austria, Germany, The Netherlands, Sweden, and Norway.

<http://www.tren.com>

TREN: Theological Research Exchange Network
TREN provides citations to 10,000 theological theses/dissertations and conference papers. Electronic and/or print documents can then be purchased through this site. The site also offers some of their titles for free in electronic full-text format.

Conferences

Another useful resource that is often overlooked is the resource of scholarly conferences. Nearly every discipline has multiple scholarly societies attached to it (e.g. Evangelical Theological Society, Society of Biblical Literature, Near Eastern Archaeological Society...) each of these societies will have regular meetings where scholarly papers are presented. These meetings are usually annual, but often there are regional meetings as well. The individual society websites will often provide means to search through past proceedings. Most of these societies has some avenue of publication for their conference papers. While finding these resources can often be difficult, once found they can be helpful resources for your research.