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Using Library Resources

Getting Journal Articles
1. Go to the library home page at lfc.edu/library.
2. Click the Articles/Databases tab.
3. Click Popular databases and select a database, such as:
   • Academic Search Premier – can refine search by subject; scholarly and news stories; includes articles from Astronomy and from Sky and Telescope magazines
   • LexisNexis – can limit to articles where search terms occur in the title or lead paragraph; news stories
   • Scientific American Archive Online
   • Google Scholar – can limit to articles where search terms occur in the title; academic papers
   • Google Scholar – can limit to articles where search terms occur in the title; academic papers
   • Web of Knowledge – peer reviewed research articles, can refine search by funding agency
4. Enter no more than 3 search terms unless you are looking up an exact title.
5. For each EBSCO or LexisNexis article you are going to use, click the email icon or the link icon to send yourself a permanent link to the article that can be used in your Works Cited list. The URL in at the top of the screen will not direct to your article tomorrow!
   - If you find an article not offered in full-text, click “Check Lake Forest College” or the Find It button to get it online in another database, in print in the library, or via interlibrary loan.

Some Recommended Websites and Pages
• Wikipedia – a good place to familiarize yourself with a topic. However, do not cite Wikipedia as a source. Follow links to articles and websites outside of Wikipedia, and, if they are credible sources, cite them.
• Wikimedia Commons (commons.wikimedia.org) – copyright free images
• Books listed on the course syllabus
• Professor Abe’s Resources page in Moodle (moodle2.lakeforest.edu/course/view.php?id=4724)
• Nasa.gov – Use general search box or click Multimedia in the top menu to browse images, etc.
• European Space Agency (esa.int)
• Astronomy.com – the website for Astronomy Magazine
  - Search articles from 1985 to present using the Academic Search Premier database by going to tinyurl.com/pvkkbou and click “Search within this publication.” Full text from 1992-present; PDFs for recent articles
  - To see Astronomy articles with high-resolution images:
    • Go to zinio.com
    • Under My Magazines, sign in with
      • email address: libreference@mx.lakeforest.edu
      • password: bearclaw1857
    • Under My Magazines, click Read
• Skyandtelescope.com – the website for Sky and Telescope magazine
  - Search for articles using the Academic Search Premier database by going to search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=a9h&jid=SKY&site=ehost-live and click “Search within this publication.” Full text from 1984-present; PDFs for recent articles
• Digital.skynews.ca – SkyNews: The Canadian Magazine of Astronomy & Stargazing
  Login with email address libreference@mx.lakeforest.edu and password oakleaf1857 to see articles from 2004 to the present
• Astrobytes.net – images and videos from Twin Pines Observatory, Belmont, CA
• cfa.harvard.edu – the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics
• arXiv.org/archive/astro-ph – Astrophysics portion of arXiv, an online archive of scientific papers maintained by Cornell University Library, searchable via EBSCO’s Academic Search Premiere

Getting Books
• Search for books on the library home page at: lfc.edu/library
  Enter title or topic words in the search box.
  (Recommended titles are listed on the course syllabus)
• Books that you can check out of the library are found on the Lower Level.
  Ask at the Circulation/Reference Desk if you need help locating a book.
• For books showing “Location: EBook” click Get it online and then click Read Online.
• Our library doesn’t have it?
  Change the menu selection from Lake Forest College Only to All I-Share Libraries to request books from over 75 academic libraries in Illinois.
  ➢ To request an I-Share book, click Request 1st Available
    o I-Share requests generally arrive within 3 business days.
    o I-Share books are checked out for 3 weeks and can be renewed up to 3 times.

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• Refer to your Hacker Pocket Style Manual or click Citation Guides on the library website
• Some MLA Examples (in order list): book (Lemonick), web page or website (NASA), journal article (Reichardt)
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