

# Using the Library's Resources for Research

## Finding Books

Use *Ignacio*, our library's catalog of books, journals, and videos available here at USF

- Search by **SUBJECT** to find a listing of subject headings
- Search by **KEYWORD** to combine terms and use terms that are not "official" subject headings
- Search **Link+** to find and borrow books from over 40 libraries

## Finding Articles

Use the library's databases at

[http://www.usfca.edu/Library/research/Start\\_Your\\_Research/](http://www.usfca.edu/Library/research/Start_Your_Research/) to find citations, abstracts, and sometimes the full-text of entire articles.

The first three databases below cover a broad range of academic journals and popular magazines, and are good places to start your research:

- **Academic Search Premier**  
[http://www.usfca.edu/Library/databases/Academic\\_Search\\_Premier/](http://www.usfca.edu/Library/databases/Academic_Search_Premier/)
- **ProQuest Research Library** <http://www.usfca.edu/Library/databases/ProQuest/>
- **OmniFile Full-Text**  
[http://www.usfca.edu/Library/databases/OmniFile\\_Full\\_Text\\_Mega\\_Edition/](http://www.usfca.edu/Library/databases/OmniFile_Full_Text_Mega_Edition/)
- **LexisNexis Academic**  
[http://www.usfca.edu/Library/databases/LexisNexis\\_Academic/](http://www.usfca.edu/Library/databases/LexisNexis_Academic/) has full-text articles from other 5,000 news sources, such as national and regional newspapers like the *New York Times* and the *San Francisco Chronicle*, plus international news sources, transcripts of news programs, news magazines, etc.
- **CQ Researcher** [http://www.usfca.edu/Library/databases/CQ\\_Researcher/](http://www.usfca.edu/Library/databases/CQ_Researcher/) is a great source for current political and social issues. The database has full-text reports on specific topics such as special education, eating disorders, and gay marriage, etc.
- **Opposing Viewpoints**  
[http://www.usfca.edu/Library/databases/Opposing\\_Viewpoints\\_Resource\\_Center/](http://www.usfca.edu/Library/databases/Opposing_Viewpoints_Resource_Center/) is a good database for pro/con arguments on controversial political and social issues.

### TAKE NOTE!

For articles not available in full-text click on **USF Find Full-Text** to see options for finding the full-text OR from the library's home page, click on **Journals** and search by **journal title** to see what journals are available at USF.