

Lake-Sumter Community College Library
ENC 2300: Composition Argument Resources

Books

The following electronic resources will help you locate books, government documents and other materials on your topic.

Online Catalog

- Click **Catalog** on the LSCC Library home page at <http://www.lsc.edu/library> OR go directly to the LINCC Catalog at <http://catalog.linccweb.org/>.
- Start by limiting your search to Lake-Sumter Community College or a specific LSCC campus. If LSCC doesn't have what you need, select **All Community Colleges**.
 - Click the **Keyword Search** button and select the **Subject Keyword(s)** option from the "Search By" box.
 - For broad topics, click the **Browse Lists** button and complete a search to find a list of subject headings. Make sure to select the **Subject Keyword(s)** option.
- To find books in a **series** use the **Advanced Search** option. Type your subject in the first box and select **Keyword(s) anywhere** option from the drop-down menu. In the second box, type the name of the series and select **Keyword(s) in Series** from the list provided. Some useful series for argument topics include: At Issue, Contemporary World Issues, Current Controversies, and Opposing Viewpoints.
- If you can't find a book on the shelf use the **Understanding Library of Congress Call Numbers** guide on the Research Guides page.
- For more help using the LINCC Catalog, click the green "Help" link in the upper right corner of any catalog screen.

WebLUIS at <http://webluis.fcla.edu> will help you find books at state university libraries.

Books that are not available at your LSCC campus library are available via Interlibrary Loan (ILL). There is no charge for this service, but it can take up to two weeks to receive materials.

- **Requesting items from the LSCC Catalog:** Once you find a book, click on the library name and then click on the **Request** link. Follow the directions on the screen.
- **Requesting items from WebLUIS or other library catalogs:** Use the online ILL form from the library's home page

Electronic Books (Ebooks)

To access electronic books go to <https://www.linccweb.org/eresources.asp> and enter your 14-digit library barcode number in the Borrower ID box. Your PIN is the last 4-digits of your social security number.

- **netLibrary** provides full-text access to electronic books on many topics.
- **Xreferplus** is an online reference source featuring 99 full text dictionaries, encyclopedias, the Bridgeman Art Library Archive of 16,000 pictures and other reference works.
- **Virtual Reference Library** contains full-text reference books on a variety of topics.

Periodicals - Magazines, Journals and Newspapers

- The **Periodicals: Magazines, Journals and Newspapers** research guide compares and describes different types of periodicals. Find it at <http://www.lsc.edu/library/guides/periodicals.aspx>.
- To find articles on a variety of topics search one or more of the databases listed below. To access them go to <https://www.linccweb.org/eresources.asp> and use your 14-digit library barcode number. Your PIN is the last 4-digits of your social security number.
- **Academic Search Premier (EBSCOhost)** indexes 8,000+ periodicals with full-text articles from over 4,500 of them. Subjects include business, social sciences, humanities, general science, and education.
- **Criminal Justice Periodicals Index (Proquest)** covers a wide variety of criminal justice topics, including corrections administration, law enforcement, social work, industrial security, drug rehabilitation, and criminal and family law. It includes full-text coverage for about 50 of the most frequently accessed criminal justice journals and complete indexing and abstracts for another 140 relevant U.S. and international journals. Coverage is from 1981 to the present.

- **CQ Researcher** (CQ Library) thoroughly analyzes a variety of interesting and timely topics. The controversial issues behind each topic are presented along with background information and a discussion of the current situation and outlook.
- **Custom Newspapers** (Gale) provides full-text access to *The New York Times*, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, and over 100 other national and international newspapers.
- **InfoTrac OneFile** (Gale) This database provides indexing and abstracting for more than 10,000 magazines and journals, including full text for over 5,800 of them.
- **JSTOR** includes past issues of academic journals in the arts and sciences going back decades in most cases but never including the most recent two or three years.
- **OmniFile Full Text Mega Edition** (Wilson Web) includes indexing and abstracts for over 3,300 titles half of which are full text. Search several subject-specific databases separately or together; for a list of databases, click "Open Database Selection Area" on the search screen.
- **Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center** (Gale) contains statistics and pro/con essays and articles on a wide variety of controversial topics.
- **NewsBank** (Newsfile) provides full-text access to the *Orlando Sentinel* and to many national and international newspapers.
- **SIRS Researcher** covers many topics. It provides opposing views, links to related subjects, articles, related graphics and even suggestions on using the topics in your research.

LSCC has many more subject specific databases that may be useful in your research. For a complete listing, go to the Databases A-Z page from the library's home page.

Web Sites

Web sites, particularly government sites and those of non-profit organizations can be useful sources for argument papers. Bear in mind, though, that they often present opinions from only one side of an argument and may be selective in their choice of facts. For more web sites use the Subject & Course Guides link on the library's home page for information on broad subject areas. For guidance on evaluating web sites use the Evaluating Web Resources handout on the Research Guides page.

Selected Web Sites on Social and Policy Issues

- **The Family Research Council** at <http://frc.org/> offers generally conservative views on a range of social and political issues.
- **The American Civil Liberties Union** at <http://aclu.org/> has its own perspective on issues, often but not always agreeing with liberal and progressive groups.
- **On the Issues** at <http://www.issues2000.org> provides short background summaries and the views of political leaders on topical issues.
- **Speakout** at <http://www.speakout.com/index.html> includes news stories and reader comments on topical issues.