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Information is everywhere!

- Finding reliable information for educational purposes requires a variety of different skills.
- A researcher must be able to find books, journal articles, meeting reports, personal communications, audiovisual items, etc. - the variety is enormous.
- The information is also available in different formats - print, electronic, audiovisual, etc.
- How do you evaluate the information?
- How do you cite the information you include in your reports?
- Where do you begin?

Define the subject.

- Try a dictionary, or a basic textbook in the subject area.
- To find a book, look in the electronic card catalog of Case Western Reserve University, EuclidPLUS.
- In organizing books and journal articles in the health sciences, the thesaurus of index terms is MeSH (Medical Subject Headings) from the U. S. National Library of Medicine.
- When you look for a book by Subject, be sure to look at the right side of the page for **MeSH Search.**
- There are online dictionaries and encyclopedias available from MEDLINEplus.

Find books in your subject area.

- Use EuclidPLUS by [MeSH Search](#).
- Use the [MeSH](#) database to find MeSH terms - Headings and Subheadings. The MeSH database can be searched by MeSH term, MeSH Entry Term, Subheading, Publication Type, or words within a MeSH Scope Note.
- In EuclidPLUS, be sure to note the AUTHOR, TITLE, LOCATION, CALL NUMBER and STATUS:

- CHSL has links to [Electronic Books](#).

Find journal articles on the topic.

- Journal articles are indexed in databases. There is no all-inclusive database for all journals. You must select a database in your subject area. Sometimes, you may want to search many databases in your subject area.
- Databases available to Case are listed by subject.
- Health Sciences databases include Ageline, BIOSIS, CINAHL (nursing), Human Nutrition, (OhioLINK) MEDLINE, PsycINFO, PubMed, SCI and others. The databases have online help.
- Not all journal articles are electronically available.
- Not all electronic journal articles are available to Case.
- To determine if a journal is available in print or electronically to Case, check by the title of the journal in EuclidPLUS. You may also check the journal title abbreviation. If the abbreviation does not display, try the full title.
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Find other information on the topic.

- Sometimes you need to search the World Wide Web for other information.
- For government information, try Firstgov to locate any type of federal information.
- For information about the state of Ohio, try the State of Ohio web site.
- For the Cleveland Department of Public Health, the web site has many links.
- For disease information from the federal government, try The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Included here are electronic publications, data and statistics.
- Sometimes it is necessary to search the web for other information, such as locating a professional organization in your topic area. You will have to use a search engine for this. For health sites, look for the endorsement from the Health on the Net Foundation.

Other Information – including evaluation and citing

- OhioLINK & ALAO Instruction Clearinghouse
  There are links to online tutorials available here.
- Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals
  This is the Vancouver style. This is a way to *cite* your references in a paper.

Contact Information

- If you need more assistance, please contact Health Center Reference, hclref@case.edu, or by phone at 216-368-3218.