Session 2: Introduction to the UW Library resources online

I. Getting set up to use the UW libraries
https://www.lib.washington.edu

Have you checked anything out from the library? Have you activated your card online?

Services > Your Library account > Activate your library card
  • Student ID# - on the front of your card
  • Barcode - on the back of your card
  • Email address
  • Password you can remember

II. Research and the timeline

http://lib.washington.edu/uwill/research101/intro02.htm

Discuss: Watch the animation and then discuss what it’s showing, and what the different kinds of publications are.

Exercise: break into pairs. Ask groups to take a couple of topics below and figure out where they fit on the timeline and what kinds of materials would be useful to research them. Discuss afterward on whiteboard.

1. WTO protests in Seattle 2000
2. Discovery of penicillin
3. United States is no longer a colony of Great Britain
4. Adolescent attitudes to Elvis Presley
5. Adolescent sexuality
6. Orientalism and colonialism
7. Contraception
8. Innovations in reproductive health policy in Bangladesh since 2001
9. Genocide
10. Women’s world cup soccer 2004
11. World perception of George W. Bush
12. AIDS/HIV medicines and treatment
13. Sufi and Shiite Islam
14. World population control
15. Declining birthrates in Japan

On your own: If you feel like you would like to brush up on or improve your basic research skills, the UW library provides a free online tutorial: http://lib.washington.edu/uwill/research101/index.html

III. Your research – what kinds of materials will you want to use?

IV. Finding these materials in the UW Libraries – www.lib.washington.edu

What’s in the catalog? The catalog is the best way of finding books and other materials on a subject, and for finding out if the library has a specific resource by title or author.

EXERCISE – Look for Keyword Fertility and Philippines?
List of 29 resources.
You can request them for pickup –
You can look for them in the library yourself –

What’s in a research database? Research databases generally index (list) articles published in journals. Some databases that may be helpful for your work are:

- ISI (Web of Science)
- JSTOR
- POPLINE
- PubMed
- SSCI

EXERCISE
What are the subject resources? The library has collected resources useful for specific subjects on one page. You may be interested in the pages for:

- Economics
- Geography
- Public Health
- Sociology
- others

EXERCISE

Electronic Journals? These are journals for which the university has an online subscription.

EXERCISE

V. Powerpoint questionnaire – for our next session
Have you used PPT before?
What would you like to know?

Library Glossary

Check out a book: Your university ID serves as your library card. You can use it at any UW library to borrow (check out) a circulating item.

Circulation: Materials in the library that may be borrowed are in circulation. Some items are only for use in the library and may not be removed.

Hold/Recall a book: When you are searching in the library catalog, you may find an item you would like that is already checked out by someone else. You may place a hold on the item. The item will then be recalled from the current borrower.

Information (Reference) Desk: Each of the university libraries has an information desk. Staff are there to help you find

Loan Period: How long you are allowed to borrow an item from the library is the loan period. Loan periods vary, depending on the library and the item.

Overdue: When an item has been borrowed for longer than the loan period, without being renewed, it is overdue. The library may charge a fine (money for each day overdue).

Pay a fine: Overdue notices are sent as a courtesy, but the borrower is responsible for accumulated fines whether or not the overdue notice is received. Library fines may be paid online, by mail, or in person at the Library Cashier.
Peer-reviewed – Many academic journals require articles to be read and approved by researchers in the field, before they are published in the journal. Articles published in peer-reviewed journals are considered to be of higher quality than articles in journals without the peer review requirement.

Renew a book: At the end of the loan period, you may renew a book for more time. This can be done online through your library account.

Reserve item/ Reserves: These are items that are not in circulation, but may be used in the library.