Quick links & notes from “Library Research Basics” Student Success series webinar

**Library homepage:** http://depts.gpc.edu/library

**GALILEO:** http://www.galileo.usg.edu

**GALILEO password:** http://depts.gpc.edu/library/password.htm or log in through iCollege

**Discover tool:** searches many, but not all, GALILEO databases and the GIL@GPC catalog

- Basic Search is Google-like, with Boolean operators (AND, OR, and NOT) optional
- Narrow results by date, full-text, type of resource, and subject headings after searching or in the Advanced Search
- Sort by date or relevance depending on your topic.
- If you’re not getting enough results, try less specific search terms
- If you’re getting too many results, add more search terms and/or use more specific search terms and more limiters.
- Evaluate your results by looking at date, title, subject headings, and abstract before reading the whole article.
- Be sure you get your citation information!
- Not in Discover (not a complete list)
  - Lexis Nexis
  - Artemis Literature
  - Bloom’s Literature
  - Proquest nursing and historical newspapers

Use “Browse by Subject” to identify individual databases for your topic.

Use “Databases A-Z” to go to specific databases.

Current Topics databases I recommend most. (Search these by going to Databases A-Z instead of using Discover.)

- Opposing Viewpoints – current issues
- CQ (Congressional Quarterly articles)
- Lexis Nexis – newspaper articles, business, legal
- Films on Demand - documentaries

**GIL-FIND catalog** is best way to locate items physically in the library

**Ask a Librarian** help: www.gpc.edu/library/ask.htm

- Live (library hours): in person, chat, text, phone
- Not live (24/7):
  - Ask a Librarian FAQ http://answers.gpc.edu/
  - Tutorials http://guides.gpc.edu/Tutorials
  - Research Guides http://guides.gpc.edu
  - Email (will get response during library hours)

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