G 203 Historical Geology Research Guide

Contact the Library
- Email: library@socc.edu
- Hours: Monday through Friday 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.
- Librarian: Noelle Ebert, MLIS, MA
- Location: Tioga 2 Coos Campus
- Phone: 541-888-7270
- Website: https://www.socc.edu/resources/library
- Zoom appointments available by request!

Evaluating Resources and Information Literacy
- Authority – Is the author knowledgeable? Does the author have professional/academic experience?
- Accuracy – Did you find any errors? If so, there could be more you missed.
- Objectivity – Is there any bias? Does the author represent multiple points of view?
- Currency – Is this information up to date? How fast does information change in this field?
- Audience – Who did the author have in mind for this content? What tone and style did the author use?

Search Strategies and Tools
- Boolean (AND, OR, NOT) – Searching method that helps widen or narrow your list of results.
- Citation information – EBSCO and Gale databases will provide your bibliography citations for you.
- CTRL + F – This keyboard command will let you search for keywords in a document or website.
- Help video playlist – Southwestern Library instructional videos.
- Interlibrary Loan – We can order books, articles, and movies from libraries outside the Coastline system.
- Limiters – Filters in databases to help narrow your results such as: full text, peer review, and date range.
- Listing search terms – Make a note of useful terms and phrases to organize your database searching.
- Publication Finder – A special database that tells you if we have full-text access to a journal or eBook.
- "Quotation marks" – You can search for an entire phrase as stated if you put it in quotation marks.
- References in great articles – The bibliography in a useful article can give you leads to other sources.
- Search multiple databases at once – You can cross search in many EBSCO and Gale databases.
- Truncat* -- Searching the root of a word can expand your results (truncate, truncating, truncation, etc.)

Resources to Search
Databases
- Southwestern Library databases are available on and off campus.
- Log in with your 7-digit SWOCC student ID number. If your ID doesn't contain 7-digits, add zeros to the beginning until it does (123456 = 0123456).
- These multidisciplinary databases are a great place to start:
  - Academic OneFile (Gale)
    - Help video here.
    - Here are some search results on historical geology.
    - You can find more items by searching for your specific topic.
  - Academic Search Complete (EBSCO)
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eBooks

- We have access to over 250,000 eBooks, and most of them are in EBSCO databases.
- These multidisciplinary collections are a great place to start:
    - [Academic Collection](#)
    - [Community College Collection](#)
    - [eBook Collection](#)
    - [Open Access (OA) Collection](#)
- Most items can be read in full within the databases, but there are limits on how much of the book you can print or download to read later. Please look for the "Permissions" section on the item's abstract page for more information.
- Here are some [search results](#) on historical geology.
- You can find more items by searching for your specific topic.

Physical Resources

- Southwestern Library is part of the Coastline library system in Coos and Curry Counties. You can order items from any location and choose where to pick them up and return them. We receive deliveries each business day.
- You need a Coastline library card to check out items, and you can fill out an [application here](#).
- You can search the [Coastline catalog here](#) and log in to place orders and check your account information.
- Here is a [help video](#) for using the Coastline catalog.
- Here is [a list of items](#) on historical geology.
- You can find more items by searching for your specific topic.

Websites

- Citation and Writing Style Guides
    - [KnightCite Citation Service](#) from Calvin University's Hekman Library
    - [Online Writing Lab (OWL)](#) from Purdue University
- Google Search Tips
    - [Google and Google Scholar](#) from Belmont University Medical Library
    - [Google Search Hacks: Tips to Find What You Need](#) from Purdue Global
- Historical Geology
    - [EarthViewer](#) by HHMI BioInteractive
    - [Geologic Time Scale](#) from the National Park Service
    - [PALEOMAP Project](#) from Christopher R. Scotese, Geologist and Palaeogeographer