Resources Available at the Library: The Wal-Mart Effect

Library Home page:  
http://www.chabotcollege.edu/library/

Search Strategy Handout:  
http://tinyurl.com/yplpr5

Subject Headings

Sometimes instead of searching by keywords, you may have better luck finding materials by consulting the Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH). This is important because you can sometimes get better search results. For example, articles, books, and web sites on Civil Liberties will usually be indexed under “Civil Rights.” (Similarly, “Silicon Valley” is listed under “Santa Clara Valley”). To browse such headings, they are in the five thick red volumes on the reference shelves, on the left side of the reference desk. Other suggested headings can be found at http://www.chabotcollege.edu/Library/handouts/walmart.pdf

Chain Stores  
Marketing  
Globalization
Stores, retail  
Price Cutting  
International Business Enterprises
Retail Trade  
Price Level Changes  
International Market
Discount Houses (Retail Trade)  
Price Wars  
International Trade
Discount Department Stores  
Quality of products  
Corporate State
Big Box Retailers  
Consumers—United States
Wal-Mart Stores Inc.  
Shopping
Business Enterprises—United States

Minimum Wage  
Employees  
Labor Laws & Legislation
Unskilled Labor  
Aliens  
Union
Labor and Laboring Classes  
Labor Economics  
Wages
Hours of Labor  
Contract Labor  
Trade-Unions
Working Class  
Contract Employment  
Strikes & Lockouts
Social Classes  
Alien Labor  
Demonstrations
Illegal Aliens
Work Environment

Economic Conditions  
Factories  
Environmentalism
Cities & Towns  
Manufacturing Industries  
Environmental Protection
City Planning  
Plant Shutdowns  
Environmental Justice
Competition  
Outsourcing  
Conservation
Competition, Unfair  
Sweatshops  
Air Pollution
Social Classes
Textile Industry

Library Subscription Databases:  
http://www.chabotcollege.edu/Library/abby/dblist.html. —To find articles related to your topic that originally appeared in magazines, journals, and newspapers. Originally published in print form.

Magazines and Journals

EbscoHost Academic Search Elite  
A multi-subject database, covering the social sciences, humanities, general science, multi-cultural studies, education, and much more! Tutorial available at:  
http://tinyurl.com/58ysq

Project MUSE  
Scholarly journal articles in the Humanities and Social Sciences

Mainstream Newspapers

Lexis-Nexis Academic  
Search mainstream newspapers from the United States and around the world.

Alternative Presses

ProQuest Diversity Databases  
Search the alternative presses of three databases: Alt-PressWatch, Ethnic NewsWatch, and GenderWatch

Alternative Presses on the Web  
Search websites of alternative press newspapers and other authoritative alternative websites in our custom Google Search Engine.

Mainstream News Transcripts

Lexis-Nexis Academic Transcripts  
What is being covered on the major networks, CNN, Fox News, and NPR?
Library Catalog—Finding Books and Videos: http://tinyurl.com/8mo5z
Search the library catalog for books related to a topic of your interest. Select a topic and create a search statement. Find a book and then its call number. If the book is listed in the “California Collection,” go to the check out desk and we will lead you to the book.

**Searching the Catalog:** Make sure words or phrase is selected underneath Search For and narrow your search down to Chabot College if you only want to find books available at Chabot. Combine different terms such as: California AND conservation. Enter your terms with AND in between and then click on Search.

See Your Search Strategy for more information on phrasing a search statement.

**Reference/Statistical Sources** (Books, Databases and Web sites. Look also at Resources by Subject and Reference Sources Online from the Library Home page)

- **Statistical Abstract of the United States**

- **CQ Researcher**
  Index is at the reference desk.
  Reference: H35 .E35  2006 to present at periodicals desk.

- **Facts.com Issues & Controversies**
  http://tinyurl.com/6ft8u

- **Pro/Con Resources**
  http://tinyurl.com/col66

- **Frontline: Is Wal-Mart Good for America?**
  http://tinyurl.com/5hq7f

- **Reference For Business**
  http://www.referenceforbusiness.com/
  http://tinyurl.com/2cumm2

- **West's Encyclopedia of American Law**
  Reference Shelves: KF154 .W47 2005

- **Encyclopedia of American Industries**
  Reference Shelves: HC 102 .E53 2005
  http://tinyurl.com/35nps8

- **Public WWW Sites Selected by Librarians**

- **Handbook of U.S. Labor Statistics**
  Reference Desk: HD8064 .H38 2004

- **The American Marketplace: Demographics and Spending Patterns**
  Reference Shelves: HF 5415.33 .U6 A4 2005

- **American Incomes: Demographics of Who Has Money**
  Reference Shelves: HC110 .I5 2005

- **Employment, Hours and Earnings**
  Reference Desk: HD8064 .E47 2005

- **Statistical Handbook on the Social Safety Net**
  Reference Desk: HV51 .P33 2004

- **Work in America**

- **Statistical Resources on the Web**
  http://tinyurl.com/2hcpzg

**Web Resources**
Use Web search engines (such as Google) last for your research, and if you do, be prepared to evaluate web sites with a very skeptical eye. Anybody can put anything on the web, and if you do not pay attention, you could be referring to very questionable or misinformed sites. For example, a student created an otherwise decent page on the literary author, Toni Morrison, but she linked to a web page that purported to be a research site on Martin Luther King that turned out to be a racist web site from a white supremacy group! The Library has an effective web evaluation checklist available at: http://www.chabotcollege.edu/Library/abby/evaluation.html In general, the Library does NOT recommend New Media sources such as Wikipedia—you should focus more on a more traditional screening and evaluative process for the sources you select from the Web (general laymen and volunteer editors that have no expertise with regards to the content at hand cannot substitute).

Here are places to start on the Web:

**Public WWW Sites Selected by Librarians**
Chabot College Library has found reliable web sites that you can search at once with our custom Google search engine.

**Resources by Subject**
Select a discipline and then select one of the search tools listed under “Public World Wide Web”
When searching, keep in mind that sites listed with a dollar sign after it ($) are premium subscriptions Chabot College is NOT subscribed to, but all other sites are available for you to use.

Wal-Mart Pro/Con Websites

Pro and Con Websites
Just the websites listed on our Pro and Con Resources website

Wal-Mart Facts
Facts claimed by the Wal-Mart company, itself--you may want to double check these facts from an outside source, when you can find them.

Wal-Mart Watch
Wal-Mart Watch is from a coalition of activists that take a critical eye on Wal-Mart.

Library Research Tips and Citing Responsibly

Searchpath: Chabot Library Tutorial
http://www.chabotcollege.edu/library/searchpathclassic/

You Quote It, You Note It: How to Avoid Plagiarism
http://tinyurl.com/oaxmc

MLA Works Cited Handout
http://www.chabotcollege.edu/Library/onlineref/cited.html

Citation Builder
http://www.sourceaid.com/citationbuilder/
Have the Citation Builder create your citation by typing in author, titles, and other relevant publication information.

Citations from ProQuest and EbscoHost

ProQuest and EbscoHost also allow automatic citation building. When you select Print or Email for your selected article, be sure to select MLA from the pull-down menus next to Citation Style or Citation Format.