Resources Available at the Library:
Inquiry Essay
Library Home page:  
http://www.chabotcollege.edu/library/

Search Strategy Handout:  
http://tinyurl.com/yplpr5
CIVIL LIBERTIES  
Use: CIVIL RIGHTS

Searchpath Tutorial:  
http://tinyurl.com/3c3gol

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.” To browse such headings, they are in the five thick red volumes on the reference shelves, on the left side of the reference desk.

- Human Trafficking
- Slavery
- Sex Crimes
- Globalization
- International Business Enterprises
- Defense Contracts
- Private Security Services
- Contractors
- Diet
- Vegetarianism
- Violence in Mass Media
- Violence on Television
- Violence in Motion Pictures
- Biotechnology
- Medical Technology
- Independent Films
- Independent Filmmakers
- Reality
- Common Fallacies
- Doping in Sports
- Performance-Enhancing Drugs
- Sports Medicine
- Advertising & Children
- Television Advertising & Children
- Television Advertising—Law & Legislation
- Mass Media & Children
- Mass Media & Teenagers
- Advertising & Youth
- Sexual Harassment
- Sexual Ethics
- Sex in the Workplace
- Alternative Presses
- Regional Presses
- Ethnic Newspapers
- LGBT and gender studies publications

Class Handouts  http://tinyurl.com/6zjo7t
Look at Class Handouts for even more subject headings as well as databases, reference books, and websites beyond this handout.


Computer/Internet Topics  http://tinyurl.com/5pwfqw

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

EBSCOhost databases  http://tinyurl.com/34jgeg
When getting into EBSCOhost, go to “More Databases” and select Academic Search Elite and the Military and Government Collection for journal and magazine articles, as well as key government reports.

ProQuest Diversity Databases  http://tinyurl.com/2ahju9
ProQuest Diversity Databases includes three databases: Alt-PressWatch, Ethnic NewsWatch, and GenderWatch. Includes LGBT and gender studies publications, alternative presses, regional presses, and ethnic newspapers.

Lexis-Nexis Academic  http://tinyurl.com/22dgo8
Before clicking on search, select the pull down menus to specify date, and Sources for newspapers or transcripts to radio/t.v. news.

Project MUSE  http://tinyurl.com/33ovwe
Project MUSE is a database that searches scholarly articles in the Humanities and Social Sciences

Issues and Controversies  http://tinyurl.com/5bef77
Issues and Controversies is a database that gives overviews to controversial topics. It is an excellent starting point in exploring one’s research.
Library Catalog—Finding Books and Videos: http://tinyurl.com/8mo5z

Search the 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.

**Searching the Catalog:** This is the best approach when your research need relies you to combine search terms. 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: Hate Crimes AND homophobia. Enter your terms with AND in between and then click on *Search*. See Your Search Strategy for more information on phrasing a search statement.

**Other Sources:**

**Alternative Presses on the Web**
http://tinyurl.com/3blj6u

**Reference and Statistical Resources**
The Library contains many reference books, which are useful for many purposes such as: providing you with an overview of a particular subject, leads to other good resources on your subject, statistics and facts.

**CQ Researcher**
Index at reference desk or at: http://tinyurl.com/46yapq

**Statistical Abstract of the United States**
Also available at: http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/

**Getting Started: Select a Topic**

**Encyclopedia of Drugs and Alcohol**

**Library in a Book: Drugs and Sports**

**Encyclopedia of Children, Adolescents and the Media**

**Violence in America**
Reference: HN90 .V5 V5474

**Statistical Handbook on Violence in America**
Reference: HN90 .V5 S833

**St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture**

**Encyclopedia of Food and Culture**
Reference: GT2850 .E53 2003

**Handbook of Eating Disorders and Obesity**
Reference: RC552 .E18 H362 2004

**Encyclopedia of Junk Food and Fast Food**
Reference: TX370 .S63 2006

**Library in a Book: Threats to Food Safety**
Reference: TX531 .P26 2006

**Contemporary Fashion**

**Library in a Book: Sexual Harassment**
Reference: HQ1237.5 .U6 J66 1966

**Library in a Book: Reproductive Rights and Technology**
Reference: RG133.5 .K73 2002

**Library in a Book: Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering**

**Global Connections: America's Role in the 21st Century**
Reference: E895 .F45 2002

**West's Encyclopedia of American Law**
Reference: KF154 .W47 2005
Searching the Web
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 about 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://tinyurl.com/5eaaoc. In general, the Library does NOT recommend New Media sources such as Wikipedia and blogs.

Here are places to start on the Web:

Public WWW Sites Selected by Librarians
http://tinyurl.com/392a9x
Chabot College Library has found reliable web sites that you can search at once with our custom Google search engine.

Resources by Subject
http://www.chabotcollege.edu/Library/subjectindex/
Select a discipline and then select one of the search tools listed under “Public World Wide Web”

INFOMINE
http://infomine.ucr.edu/
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.

Library Research Tips and Citing Responsibly

Why the Library Does NOT Recommend Cliff’s Notes
http://tinyurl.com/33vx3y

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

You Quote It, You Cite It: How to Avoid Plagiarism
http://tinyurl.com/55azbs

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.