LIBRARY RESEARCH & REFERENCE SERVICES

Now that the school year is winding down, the clock is ticking for any research projects or papers that are due before the semester is over. Whether it is your first time in the library or you just need a refresher course on some of the research & reference services available here at Wilder Library, the following tips may be just what you need to set you on the path to success.

ONLINE CATALOG
Locate books, newspapers, journals, magazines and audio-visual materials such as DVDs, VHS tapes, and cassette tapes. The online catalog may be used in the library or anywhere Internet access is available.

ELECTRONIC DATABASES
Locate articles by searching in one of our databases. Databases provide access to millions of articles from a variety of journals and magazines. Search using keyword terms or phrases or advanced search techniques to locate articles. Databases are available for on campus use—no special username or password is required. Off campus use requires a VUU e-mail username & password to access.

E-BOOKS
E-Books or electronic books allow patrons to read books online using a computer from any location that provides Internet access. E-books contain the same content as their print versions, with the added benefit of being able to search for specific key phrases or keywords in that book. E-books are free to VUU students, faculty and staff.

LIBGUIDES
This resource provides access to research & subject guides on a variety of topics. Locate information based on a specific course such as ENG 101 or HUM 225 or locate information sources on a topic such as Current Events or American History.

Access guides from the Library website by clicking the “Libguides: Course & Library Research Guides” link.

If you are looking for additional resources, or you have tried using the above listed resource and are still unable to locate the information you need, please do not hesitate to ask a librarian for help.

Phone Numbers:
Reference Desk 278-4122
Periodicals Desk 278-4118
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Library Website:
http://www.vuu.edu/library.aspx

Resource Highlight: Databases

ProQuest Criminal Justice is a comprehensive database supporting research on crime, its causes and impacts, legal and social implications, as well as litigation and crime trends. It includes U.S. and international scholarly journals, correctional and law enforcement trade publications, crime reports, crime blogs and other materials relevant for researchers or those preparing for careers in criminal justice, law enforcement and related fields.

Science Online presents a broad range of scientific disciplines through extensive essays, videos, diagrams, definitions, biographies, and experiments.

Issues and Controversies in American History builds a deeper understanding of how historical events have shaped our nation by exploring key players in American History.
**DID YOU KNOW?**

**September 3, 1838.** Frederick Douglass escaped to freedom. Dressed as a sailor and carrying identification papers borrowed from a retired merchant seaman, Douglass boarded a train at Baltimore, MD, a slave state, and rode to Wilmington, DE, where he caught a steamboat to the free city of Philadelphia. He then transferred to a train headed for New York City where he entered the protection of the Underground Railway network. Douglass later became a great orator and one of the leaders of the antislavery struggle.

**November 19, 1863.** Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address dedicating 17 acres of the battlefield at Gettysburg, PA as a national cemetery. The speech actually took less than two minutes and is now recognized as one of the most eloquent speeches of the English language.

**December 6, 1865.** The 13th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified, abolishing slavery in the US.

**January 7, 1891.** Zora Neale Hurston was born at Eatonville, FL, to a preacher and former schoolteacher. Hurston was an integral part of the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s and 1930s and published four novels in her lifetime, including the classic *Their Eyes Were Watching God* (1937). She was a trailblazer in collecting regional black folklore.

**January 15, 1929.** Civil rights leader, minister, advocate of nonviolence and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize (1964), Martin Luther King, Jr., was born at Atlanta, GA.

**January 19, 1809.** Edgar Allan Poe was. He is best remembered for his poetry (especially “The Raven”) and for his tales of suspense.

**January 31, 1919.** Jack Roosevelt Robinson was the 1st African American to enter professional major league baseball.

**February 12, 1909.** The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded by W.E.B. DuBois and Ida Wells-Barnett, among others, to wage a militant campaign against lynching and other forms of racial oppression.

**FEATURED AUTHOR: TONI MORRISON**

African-American writer noted for her examination of the black experience, particularly the experience of women within the black community. She received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1993.

Her first book, *The Bluest Eye* (1970), is a novel of initiation. In 1973 a second novel, *Sula*, was published; it examines (among other issues) the dynamics of friendship and the expectations for conformity within the black community. Morrison used a male narrator for the first time in *Song of Solomon* (1977); its publication brought Morrison to national attention. In 1981 *Tar Baby* was published, and the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Beloved* appeared in 1987. Morrison’s use of fantasy and myth, mastery of ambiguity, and sinuous poetic style give her works great strength and texture.


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“**If you can read this, thank a teacher.**”

- Anonymous
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Politics and the Search for the Common Good
Sluga, Hans D.
JC330.15 .S58 2014

Dare We Speak of Hope?: Searching for a Language of Life in Faith and Politics
Boesak, Alain
BV4638 .B54 2014

What Motivates Cultural Progressives?: Understanding Oppo-sition to the Political and Christian Right
Yancey, George A.
JK1726 .Y36 2012

The New Politics of the Old South: An Introduction to Southern Politics
Bullock, Charles S.
F216.2 .N49 2014

News for All the People: The Epic Story of Race and the American Media
González, Juan
PN4888 .R3 G66 2011

Killing Congress: Assassinations, Attempted Assassinations, and Other Violence Against Members of Congress
Marion, Nancy E.
JK1030 .M28 2014

The Impact of YouTube on U.S. Politics
Ricke, LaChrystal D.
JAB85.2 .J6 R54 2014

Religion, Power, Politics
Raiser, Konrad
BL65 .P7 R34 2013

Campaigning in the Twenty-First Century: A Whole New Ballgame?
Johnson, Dennis W.
JK2281 .J623 2011

Injustices: The Supreme Court’s History of Comforting the Comfortable and Afflicting the Afflicted
Millhiser, Ian
KF8748 .M475 2015

The Oath: The Obama White House and the Supreme Court 1st Ed.
Toobin, Jeffrey
KF8742 .T66 2012

The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion
Haidt, Jonathan
BJ45 .H25 2013

Conrad, Jessamyn
JK275 .C66 2012

Power in Movement: Social Movements and Contentious Politics
Tarrow, Sidney G.
HM881 .T37 2011

Black Studies Collection

The Wars of Reconstruction: The Brief, Violent History of America’s Most Progressive Era
Egerton, Douglas R.
E668 .E35 2014

The Color of Politics: Racism in the American Political Arena Today
Danielson, Chris
E185.615 .D365 2013

Roaming in the Master’s House: Power and Privilege in the Rise of Black Conservatism
Asante, Molefi Kete
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Stalin: A New Biography of a Dictator
Khlevnîñuk, O. V. (Oleg Vital’evich)
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Tesla: Inventor of the Electrical Age
Kyle, Chris
DS79.76 .K95 2012

John Singer Sargent and His Muse: Painting Love and Loss
Corsano, Karen
ND237 .S3 C67 2014

Constantine the Emperor
Potter, D. S. (David Stone)
DG315 .P68 2013

Michelangelo: A Tormented Life
Forcellino, Antonio
N6923 .B9 F6 2011

Manson: The Life and Times of Charles Manson
Guinn, Jeff
HV6248 .M2797 G85 2013

Paterno
Posnanski, Joe
GV939 .P37 P67 2012

Black Studies Collection

Son of Virginia: A Life in America’s Political Arena
Wilder, Lawrence Douglas
F231.3 .W55 D66 2015

The Radical King
King, Martin Luther, Jr.
E185.97 .K5 A5 2014

Matt Baker: The Art of Glamour
Amash, Jim
PN6727 .B332 Z535 2012

The Original Guitar Hero and the Power of Music: The Legendary Lonnie Johnson, Music, and Civil Rights
Alger, Dean
ML419 .J625 A44 2014

William Wells Brown: An African-American Life
Greenspan, Ezra
PS1139 .B9 Z64 2014

I Beat the Odds: From Homelessness, to the Blind Side, and Beyond
Oher, Michael
GV939 .O44 A3 2012

The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace: A Brilliant Young Man Who Left Newark for the Ivy League
Hobbs, Jeff
E185.97 .P38 H63 2014

Twelve Years a Slave
Northup, Solomon
E444 .N87 2013

Young Thurgood: The Making of a Supreme Court Justice
Gibson, Larry S.
KF8745 .M34 G536 2012

From Slave Ship to Harvard: Yarrow Mamout and the History of an African American Family
Johnston, James H.
E185.93 .M2 J65 2012

Transparent: CNN Anchor and Special Correspondent
Lemon, Don
PN4874 .L46 A3 2011

“Not all readers are leaders, but all leaders are readers.”
-Harry S. Truman
Our library was formerly the William J. Clark Library located in the historic landmark Belgian Friendship Building given to the University by the government of Belgium in 1941. In 1997 we relocated to a new facility on campus named after Virginia Union's most celebrated alumnus: L. Douglas Wilder, humanitarian, civil rights leader and the first elected African-American governor (1990-1994) in the nation. The library houses the Wilder Collection which is a very popular national and international attraction. The library faculty and staff are eager to help you find and evaluate the information sources you need.