

Library Research Tools

Find Books searches all items owned by the Library – books, e-books, videos, and periodical titles by keyword.

Choose *Books & More (Catalog)* to search the Cameron University Catalog by author, title, keyword, or subject.

Find Articles

Search *Articles (databases)* for articles on your topic. Articles focus on current events or report on research.

Tip: periodical = journal, magazine, or newspaper = serial.

Print Indexes to articles - information about content of magazines, journals and newspapers by subject.

Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature – index to general magazine articles from 1890-present. Location: Serial AI3 .R48.

Databases

Cameron Library subscribes to these databases. They contain current articles (1984-present) with some full text articles.

1. Open Cameron Library's homepage. <http://www.cameron.edu/library/>
2. Click *Articles (Databases)* and select a database. Enter your Login & Password if requested for access.
3. Search by main concepts to find articles within a database.

General databases – contain some articles on almost any topic.

Academic Search Premier
Issues and Controversies
MasterFILE Premier
Sage Premier

Article First
JSTOR
WilsonSelectPlus

Specific subject area databases - focus on one subject area (e.g. business, education, or science).

ACS Publications (American Chemical Society)
Annals of American History Online
Biology Digest
Communication & Mass Media Complete
GreenFile
Health Source: Nursing
Mergent Online
MLA International Bibliography
Professional Development Collection
PsycINFO
Valueline

AGRICOLA
Biological Abstracts
Business Source Premier
ERIC
Health Source: Consumer Edition
Lexis Nexis Academic
Military & Government Collection
National Criminal Justice Reference Service Abstracts
PscARTICLES
Today's Science
WorldCat Dissertations

Newspaper database - covers current events in newspapers.

Newspaper Source Plus

Steps to Find Articles in a Database

1. Open library's homepage. <http://www.cameron.edu/library/> Select *Articles (Databases)*
2. Select a **database** and enter your login and password, if required for access. Search by main concepts. Click on article title on Results List to read the abstract.
3. For articles with **PDF Full Text** or **HTML Full Text**: use printer icons to print citation page (abstract) and article.
4. Articles **without full text**, click on **Check for full text**.
5. If text is not available, use the **ILLiad** [Borrow from another library](#) link within the database for Interlibrary Loan.

Reference Materials

Search the Cameron University Catalog to obtain call numbers for materials on a specific topic. Related items may be on 2nd floor at similar call numbers.

Reference materials (REF) provide specialized information, with specific topics covered in books on broader topics. REF items are on 1st floor.



Library Research Tools (continued)

Overviews

Call Numbers

General Encyclopedias

Encyclopaedia Britannica, Collier's Encyclopedia, and Encyclopedia Americana - Good sources of background & historical information on broad topics, and specific information on narrow topics. Include bibliographies of the fundamental resources on each topic covered. The *Encyclopaedia Britannica* is also available as a database.

REF AE5

Subject Encyclopedias

Provide more in-depth information on specific topics than general encyclopedias. Good bibliographies. In the Cameron University Library Catalog, search for your broad subject and the word **encyclopedia**; for example perform a keyword search on **science and encyclopedia**.

REF & 2nd floor

Dictionaries - provide spellings, definitions, word origins, etc.

Merriam-Webster Dictionary
Also within the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* database

REF PE1625 - PE1630

REF PE1628

Database

REF & 2nd floor

Subject Dictionaries

Focus on the terminology within one field. In the Cameron University Library Catalog search for your broad subject and the word **dictionary**; for example perform a keyword search for **science and dictionaries**.

Handbooks - by subject

Provide specific information and guidance in broad subject areas. Very useful for finding information about specific practices or guidelines in a field. In the Cameron University Library Catalog search for your broad subject and the word **handbook**; for example perform a keyword search on **science and handbook**.

REF & 2nd floor

Current Issues

CQ Researcher - weekly magazine which covers current issues. Use the most recent index (blue pages) to find a topic (searchable in *Academic Search Premier* but articles are not full text).

REF H35 .E35

Information Series on Current Topics (previously **Information Plus, Inc.**) - publishes statistics and analyses on current issues.

REF H85 .I5

Issues and Controversies - more than 800 hot topics in business, politics, government, education, and popular culture.

Database

Facts and Statistics

Almanacs provide facts about a bit of everything by year.(e.g., *World Almanac, Time Almanac*

Serial AY64 – 414

Statistical Abstract of the United States - government statistics on almost everything.

Serial HA202 .U5

The current year is online from U.S. Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/>

Statistical Abstract of Oklahoma - government statistics about Oklahoma

Serial HA585 .Ok45

Biographies

Current Biography Yearbook - provides 2-4 page biographies of very prominent people.

REF CT100 .C8

Directory of American Scholars - access to current biographies of scholars in the humanities.

Serial LA2311 .C32

Specialized Resources

Atlases - Information about physical, political, & social geography.

1st floor, by elevator

Career Information resources – books on career options, jobs, resumes, and cover letters

2nd floor HF5381 - HF538

Quote Books - provide indexes to famous phrases (quotations) and who used them first.

2nd floor PN6080 - PN6083

Bartlett's Familiar Quotations – online at <http://www.bartleby.com/>

2nd floor PN6081 .B27

Cambridge Histories Online – the available volumes are grouped into topics, making it quick and easy to search and browse through an array of historical subject areas.

Database

Films on Demand – 6,000 films on a variety of topics.

Database

Internet

Internet - provides forums for many organizations and businesses to publish advertising and other propaganda. Website URLs ending in **.edu**, **.gov**, and **.org** are usually preferred for research.

