OH LIBRARY, WHERE ART THOU

This is Koerner Library
AND....
This is Where it Is!

CWGS
Eventually you will have to do research... or let’s say you want to do research to learn more about the world of Women’s & Gender Studies...

I like this second option and I trust that it is absolutely the case for you!

The deal with any kind of academic research falls into asking yourself these questions:

How do I find stuff?
Is the stuff I find any good?
(And, once you’ve done a little looking)  What is this stuff?!?!

I have created this zine to answer some of your “how to find stuff” questions. As for the last two questions, well... I’ll show you where to go to get help answering them.
So, you need a space to study…
   Or you need to find some books on your topic
   Or you need a computer for a few hours
   Or you need a place to work with your group
   Or you need a place to nap

**ummm… forget that last one**

Koerner Library is your library! Koerner Library is the Humanities and Social Sciences Library… which basically means, for Women’s & Gender Studies folks, this library has the research material you need to succeed!

**Terribly punny. apologies.**

In Koerner Library you will find:

Silent Study and Group Study Areas - These rooms have to be booked. Book early! They fill up fast:

Computers and printers - Go down the stairs to the 2nd floor. Trust me, floor 2 is downstairs.

Photocopiers - You need to buy a card to copy and print on campus. Learn more here: [http://www.library.ubc.ca/home/about/instruct/gtcopyserv.html](http://www.library.ubc.ca/home/about/instruct/gtcopyserv.html)

Librarians!! These are the people that will save you the headaches that come from banging your head on a desk when you can’t find articles for your paper. Need research help? Koerner Library, 2nd floor, Reference Desk - We’ll be there! Waiting…

**But not in a creepy way… honestly…**
Yes, the library is a physical space but it’s also an online space. Here is a quick guide to sources that will pull up results … but not just any results. I’m talking about results that matter to you and research in Women’s & Gender Studies!

INT. Bedroom.

It’s Wednesday night. You are in a pair of yoga pants and a tank top. Your glasses are on, your coffee is in hand, and your computer is internet ready. You look at your clock. It is 8 pm.

You begin searching. Parsing through the information and weaving in an out of data to find just the right material for your paper.

INT. Bedroom.

Zoom in on the clock. It shows 11pm.

Hours have passed. A Word document on your screen shows you have 1 book title.

YOU

(screaming, pounding your first on the desk)

Why has the internet forsaken me? Why?

Fade Out.

The End

Has this happened to you? Ok, probably not but the feeling of not finding what you need is familiar

Once you have finished your heart wrenching cry, remember the library.

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I know you will say you won’t use the internet for research but you will. You will use Google because it’s comfortable, you know it, and it makes sense to you.

But there is a better way to use Google for academic work and it’s called **Google Scholar**.

Google Scholar is exactly like Google. You can search for things using whatever words make sense to you but here is the difference:

Google Scholar **only** pulls up scholarly literature.

**But, but, but….**

What you find in Google Scholar may not be available for you to read online. Articles cost money and publishers may not give you access to the things you find.

Now that you are a UBC student, you can access all the vast amount of scholarly material we have in the library **and** you can access it through Google Scholar.

To access UBC resources through Google Scholar, use this link:  
**http://resources.library.ubc.ca/943**

Then select “Connect Via the Web Here.” This will link you to Google Scholar.

When you do a search in Google Scholar you will see a link for the pdf or a UBC elink which will give you access to the article. Here is an example:

Social justice in the age of identity politics  
N Fraser - Geographic Thought: A Praxis Perspective, 2000 - books.google.com  
Social justice in the age of identity politics: Redistribution, recognition, and participation? Nancy  
Fraser from LarryRay and Andrew Sayer, eds., Culture and Economy after the Cultural Turn.  
Cited by 393  • Related articles  • DL Direct  • All Versions  • Import into RefWorks

**Note** Access it from the link above (the library catalogue) or you won't have access to UBC resources.
You may be able to find books in the library using the search box on the library homepage (shown above) but finding exactly where that book is in the library is sometimes a hard process. There are 7 floors in Koerner Library and books as far as the eye can see! How do you know what floor or even what shelf the book is located?

When you pull up a book in the library catalogue, you need to pay attention to two main things ...

Location: ← This explains which library it is located.

Call Number: ← This explains which floor & shelf.

A Call Number looks like this: ML3534.F73 1995

Here is a handy guide on how to “read” a call number to find your book: http://www.library.ubc.ca/pubs/htfbooks.pdf

If ever you run into trouble, there are always people in the library to help you!
To find articles in the library you have to use databases.

The library has several databases BUT finding those that are most useful for Women’s & Gender Studies research isn’t as difficult as you may think.

The best place to start is with a Subject Guide. I’ve designed guides that will provide you with background information, internet sources, and a list of databases that contain Women’s & Gender Studies articles and much more.

Basically... I’ve taken some of the guessing work out of the equation!

Women’s Studies Subject Guide
http://toby.library.ubc.ca/subjects/subjpage2.cfm?id=64

Sexuality and Gender Subject Guide
http://toby.library.ubc.ca/subjects/subjpage2.cfm?id=301
INDEX OF LIBRARY RELATED LINKS

A list of all the links you will need to get started.

**UBC Library Homepage**
http://www.library.ubc.ca/welcome.html

**Your Library Account**
http://www.library.ubc.ca/home/libaccount.html

**Printing and Photocopying**
http://www.library.ubc.ca/home/about/instruct/gtcopyserv.html

**Booking Study/Group Rooms**
http://elred.library.ubc.ca/mrbs/web/day.php?
day=28&month=08&year=2010&area=10&room=45

**Course Reserve Material**
http://toby.library.ubc.ca/webpage/webpage.cfm?id=725

**Calendar of Library Workshops/Events**
http://elred.library.ubc.ca/libs/

**Women’s Studies Subject Guide**
http://toby.library.ubc.ca/subjects/subjpage2.cfm?id=64

**Sexuality & Gender Studies Subject Guide**
http://toby.library.ubc.ca/subjects/subjpage2.cfm?id=301
You probably have questions ... or maybe you
WILL have questions but haven’t thought of them yet.

Well, there are places you can go for help. First stop – A library workshop.

Several times throughout the year the library offers workshops to help you with your research. Some of these workshops will be within your class but others require you to register.

To find out about library workshops, go to this website:
http://elred.library.ubc.ca/ibs/

It’s time for you to take your education into your own two hands. You have to decide when to get help and librarians will be there when you are ready!
Now we are at the end of our time together. I hope this zine has given you a good idea of where to start with your research - But don’t think this is the only help you will get!

Librarians are here to help you learn how to find information and we are always happy to help you with your questions. Don’t feel you are alone! When in trouble, ask for help!

The last page of this guide gives you all the ways you can get help. In-person, by phone, email, instant messaging or through the Librarian @ Jack Bell Program, where you can meet with me personally every Thursday in the Jack Bell Building, Rm. 138 from 12-1:30pm.

And finally, just remember what Einstein said:

If we knew what it was we were doing, it would not be called research, would it?

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