

Where to Search 2:

Search Tools (Databases)

- To tap into the stored communications that flow through multiple channels, you use search tools (databases)
- Multiple organizations have created search tools, each tool having a different functional focus

Some search tools might focus on items that deal with a single, broad discipline, e.g., psychology OR sociology OR literature OR health sciences, but the items might flow through either:

- a single communication channel, e.g., just academic articles dealing with the health sciences, or
- multiple communication channels, e.g., books AND dissertations AND academic articles dealing with psychology

Other search tools are multidisciplinary. They include descriptions of items that deal with multiple subject fields, e.g., psychology AND sociology AND literature AND American history

- These multidisciplinary tools might focus either on items that flow through:
 - a single communication channel, e.g., books OR dissertations OR academic articles, or
 - multiple communication channels, e.g. books AND dissertations AND academic articles

Search Tool (Database) Examples

Disciplinary Coverage

Single Discipline

Multidisciplinary

Communication Channels

Single Channel

Multiple Channels

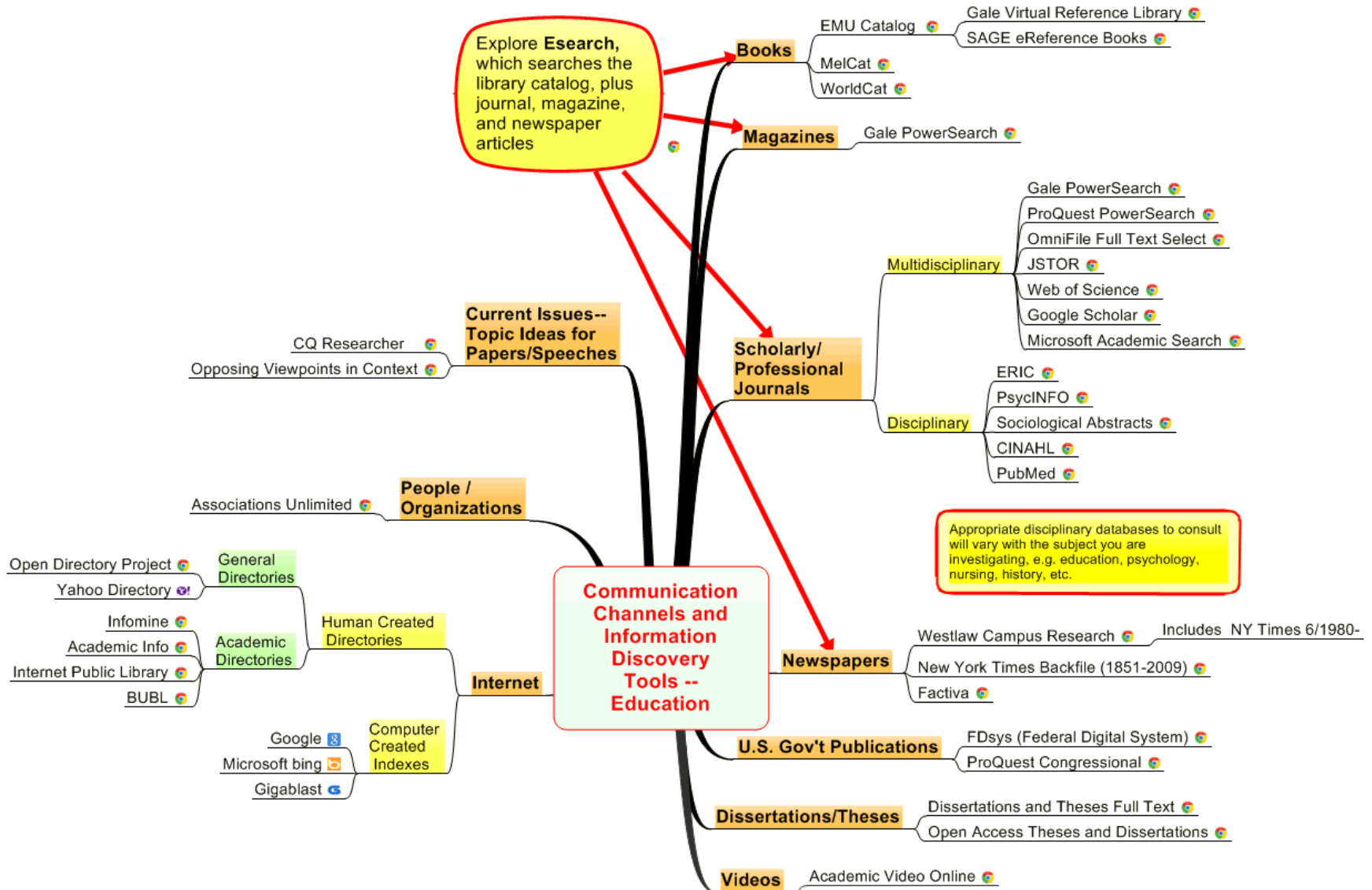
<p>BioOne – (Biology Articles)</p> <p>Criminal Justice Periodicals – (Criminology Articles)</p> <p>PubMed – (Health Sciences Articles)</p>	<p>Dissertations & Theses Full Text – (Dissertations/Theses)</p> <p>Web of Science – (Articles)</p> <p>WorldCat – (Books)</p>
<p>ERIC – (Education)</p> <p>MLA Bibliography – (Lit)</p> <p>PsycINFO – (Psychology)</p>	<p>Esearch</p> <p>Google Scholar</p>

For almost all EMU academic departments or disciplines,

e.g., art, biology, business, chemistry, computer science, criminology, English language and literature, nursing, psychology, social work, women's and gender studies,

the EMU Library subscribes to different search tools (databases) that support searching for content that is studied and taught in those departments or disciplines.

Another way to visualize the landscape of databases is to focus on a single discipline, e.g., Education, and display the array of available databases that can be used to search for content flowing through different communication channels



It looks complex...there are lots of possibilities...

So what search tools should you use to discover the kinds of content your teachers often ask for?

Consider using at least two search tools (databases)...

You might start with:

- ***Esearch***

- a multidisciplinary database which includes descriptions of items in the EMU library catalog, plus descriptions of many of the journal, magazine, and newspaper articles that the EMU library subscribes to

A search box for the multidisciplinary *Esearch* database is located toward the center of the library home page: <http://emich.edu/library/>

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Consider also using:

- A disciplinary database appropriate for the subject you are investigating

For example, to find research dealing with the topic:

Does being overweight impact academic performance?

you might consider searching a disciplinary database for the field of education OR health sciences OR psychology. You would NOT want to use a database dealing with the history of art.

- To determine the databases available to you at EMU, go to the library home page and click the tab that says *Databases*

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Chat provides research help from librarians at EMU and other schools.

- If you want to search for material in a broad subject field, you can get suggestions from an EMU librarian as to what databases to start with by selecting the subject on the drop-down subject/category menu

The screenshot shows the EMU Library website interface. At the top, the word "LIBRARY" is displayed in large white letters on a blue background. To the right, the date "Monday June 03, 2013" and "Library Hours: 7:30am to 10:00pm" are shown. Below the header is a navigation bar with buttons for "Articles & More", "Books", "Databases", "Journals by Title", and "Research Guides".

The main content area is titled "Databases" and includes a search bar for "Database Name" with an alphabetical index (A-Z) and an "All" option. Below this is a section labeled "Or choose a subject/category:" with a dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing a list of subjects including African American Studies, Anthropology, Art (highlighted in green), Biography, Biology, Book catalogs beyond EMU, Book Reviews, Business, Business - Accounting & Finance, Business - Company Info, Business - Computer Info Systems, Business - Management, Business - Marketing, Chemistry, Children's Literature, Clinical Research Administration, Communication/Speech, Computer Science, Criminology, and Current Controversy Topic Ideas. A "Go>>" button is located to the right of the dropdown.

Other sections on the page include "News, Exhibits & Events:" with a link for "ARC Down Time [Read...]", "About the Library" with links for Collections, Departments & Staff, Directions & Maps, Employment, Suggestions, University Archives, and More Information; "Service" with links for Audio, Borrow, Cour, Inter, Rene, Room, and More; and "Help" with links for Using the Library, Research 101, Research Guides, Citing Sources, Subject Specialists, Using Sources, and More Help >>.

- You can also click the links that say *Databases* or *All Databases*

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- ...to see a different display of this information

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