

## Library Instruction: Linguistics Seeking Information about Etymology & Morphology

### I. Information Seeking: Review

- A. Recognize different types of information sought:
- Information varies by **depth of coverage** (e.g., definitions & overviews from reference sources vs. fully developed elaborations from in-depth books)
  - Information varies by **currency** (e.g., most recent and timely from journal articles vs. lag time for books)
  - Information varies by **knowledge levels of audience** (e.g., literature aimed at the general public vs. a professionals in a career field vs. scholars in a discipline)
- B. Information Seeking Techniques: Browse, Search
- C. Search Process: using search engines for matching key words to documents or document summaries in the STL online catalog or electronic article databases
- D. General steps to for seeking information:
1. Identify and conceptualize topic: find key concepts & terms
  2. Select the appropriate sources for the types of information you need.  
In general,
    - Go to the **STL online catalog** for any items owned physically by the library (e.g., reference materials, in-depth books, videos)
    - Go to the article **Databases tab** for articles from periodicals (e.g., newspapers, magazines, and scholarly journals)
  3. Locate the information

### II. Suggested Library Resources for Etymology or Morphology Topics

- A. **Reference Sources** for help in identifying and conceptualizing topics/key terms: Seeking overviews and summaries of concepts
- See list of suggested Reference Sources from **STL Select an Area to Research: Linguistics** page  
<[http://lib.newpaltz.edu/research\\_areas/linguistics/linguistics.html](http://lib.newpaltz.edu/research_areas/linguistics/linguistics.html)>
  - Do an Advanced Search of the **STL Online Catalog** for a relevant subject heading (e.g., etymology) and limit the search to the Reference Collection
  - Search online reference sources [e.g., Gale Virtual Reference Library]
  - See **LC Classification System** <<http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsol/lcco/>> for relevant call number areas to browse in the Reference Collection. For Example,
    - Call #s starting with P1-1091 [Linguistics]
    - Call #s starting with PE 1-3729 [English Language]
    - Call #s starting with PE 1700-3602 [English Language: Dialects. Provincialisms, etc.]
    - Call #s starting with PE 3701-3729 [English Language: Slang, Argot, etc.]

**B. Article Databases** for researching topics in-depth from magazine or scholarly journal articles

- For suggested electronic databases for Linguistics go to **STL Homepage > Databases tab > Databases by subjects > Linguistics.**  
<<http://137.140.20.74/infotree/resourcesbysubject.asp?subject=Linguistics>>

For example,

- **Oxford English dictionary (OED) Online**
  - **MLA International Bibliography**
  - **JSTOR**
  - **Project Muse**
- For suggested electronic databases for other subjects go to **STL Homepage > Databases tab > Databases by subjects.**  
<<http://137.140.20.74/infotree/e-resources/subject.html>>



For example,

- **Communication and Mass Media Complete** (language use/discourse)
- **Science Direct** (covers Linguistics from Science/Social Science)
- **ProQuest Research Library** (indexes many Linguistics journals)
- **PsychInfo** (covers Linguistics from Psychology)
- **Sociological Abstracts** (covers Linguistics from Sociology)

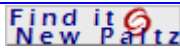
**C. Library Catalogs** for in-depth books or other media

- **Sojourner Truth Library Online Catalog.**
- **SUNY Connect Union Catalog**
- **WorldCat**

**D. Federated Resources** for simultaneously searching multiple sources

- **WebFeat**  : STL Homepage > WebFeat tab > Advanced Search  
(Select appropriate subject areas and use a keyword search)
- **Google Scholar**  : < <http://scholar.google.com/> >  
(Set preferences to search SUNY New Paltz library)

### III. Finding additional help with library resources

- Useful STL online guides and research assistance pages
  - **STL Faculty & Student Research Assistance:**  
<http://lib.newpaltz.edu/assistance/assistanceindex.html>
  - **Effective Library Research:**  
<http://lib.newpaltz.edu/assistance/tutorials/seven.html>
  - **Using the STL Online Catalog:**  
[http://lib.newpaltz.edu/assistance/advanced\\_searchpages.pdf](http://lib.newpaltz.edu/assistance/advanced_searchpages.pdf)
  - **Use Databases:**  
[http://lib.newpaltz.edu/assistance/database\\_pp\\_files/v3\\_document.htm](http://lib.newpaltz.edu/assistance/database_pp_files/v3_document.htm)
  - **(Selected) Database Guides:**  
<http://lib.newpaltz.edu/databases/handouts.html>
  - **Find Full Text**  link to Word document via:  
<http://lib.newpaltz.edu/assistance/assistanceindex.html>
  - **Citation and Style Guides:**  
[http://lib.newpaltz.edu/assistance/citation\\_guides.html](http://lib.newpaltz.edu/assistance/citation_guides.html)
  - **How to identify a scholarly article:**  
<http://lib.newpaltz.edu/assistance/scholar.html>
  - **Navigating the Library by Call Number:**  
<http://lib.newpaltz.edu/assistance/callnumbers.html>
  
- Other library services
  - **Ask a Librarian** — click on the **Ask a Librarian** button in the left-hand column of the STL homepage to access information about STL research assistance services, such as
    - Email assistance using **Ask a librarian by Email**,
    - In-person help at the **Information Desk**,
    - Make an appointment for the **Research Consultations** services
  - **Interlibrary loans** — click on the **ILLiad** link from the STL homepage to request an item from another library