“While everyone has a right to his or her opinion, the people who are informed have more of a right.” ~ Bill Dixon

**Library Basics**

- **PHOTO ID** needed to check out materials.
- Books checkout for 3 weeks. Magazines check-out for one week.
- Materials can be renewed over the phone and in person at the library.
- You may have up to 15 items on your card at any one time.
- Books located at Omak can be transferred to WVC in 2-3 days for pickup.
- Copies are 10 cents/page. There is currently no charge for printouts.
- Reserve materials are held at the Circulation Desk.

**Library Hours**

- Mon-Thurs 7:30am - 8 pm
- Fri 7:30am - 5 pm
- Sat 10 am- 2 pm
- Sun Closed

**Call us @ 682.6710**

**Search Tips**

ALWAYS USE ADVANCED SEARCH

To start your search the fewer words you use the better!

Use **AND** to combine separate terms—**Narrows** search

Use **OR** to combine like terms—**Broadens** search

WVC Library Webpage · http://commons.wvc.edu/library/
~ Use Article Databases ~ Free ~ Scholarly ~ Reliable

**CQ Researcher**: Each single-themed, 12,000-word report is researched and written by a seasoned journalist. The consistent, organization provides researchers with an introductory overview; background and chronology on the topic; an assessment of the current situation; tables and maps; pro/con statements; and bibliographies of key sources. **Good Overviews of many topics**

**Academic OneFile**: Peer-reviewed, full-text articles from the world's leading journals and reference sources. Extensive coverage of the sciences, technology, medicine, the arts, theology, literature and other subjects - authoritative and comprehensive. **Peer Reviewed**

**ProQuest**: Includes the world's largest digital newspaper archive, periodical databases comprising the output of more than 9,000 titles and spanning more than 500 years, the pre-eminent dissertation collection, and various other scholarly collections. **Peer Reviewed**

### Website Evaluation Basics (or the B.ad S.ource Test!)

#### USE WEBSITES LAST
- **USE SCHOLARLY, PEER AND EDITORIAL REVIEWED ARTICLES FIRST**
- Available for **FREE** through the John A. Brown Library Databases and Reference resources.
- Articles have been vetted.
- High quality, accurate and reliable.

#### COMPARISON
- **Reveal the depth of information available**
- **Reveal specific areas that are controversial and need verification.**
- **Helps you recognize bias.**
- **Turns up unique information (photographs, video)**

#### CORROBORATION
- **Highlight controversial facts.**
- **Verify questionable information.**
- **Increases probability of accuracy.**
- **The 5 W’s — Who, What, When, Where and Why.**

### Tools and Resources

**List of Think Tanks in the United States**
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_think_tanks_in_the_United_States

**The Purdue Online Writing Lab** for MLA and APA citation information.
http://owlenglish.purdue.edu/

**Paraphrasing Tool**
http://commons.wvc.edu/library/Conference%20Presentations/paraphrase.htm

**Tom March Thesis Builder** – A tool to help build a thesis statement.

**Research Process** - A nice interactive guide  
http://www.clark.edu/Library/iris/

### NOTES:

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