Library Research Strategy:

1. Decide what you want.
2. Get to know your tools and how to use them.
3. Refine your search strategy.
4. Know how to use what you find.

Library’s Web page:

http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu/academics/library

Searching for Reference and Circulating Books:

In order to find books and media (videos and DVDs) in the Library about your topic, use our online catalog. Do a simple search by title, author, subject, or keyword or do an advanced search using two to three keywords (this narrows your search).

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Searching for Periodicals (in Print):

Periodical and Newspaper Indexes tell you the titles of articles that have been written about your subject along with the dates and page numbers of the magazine or journal in which they appear. To see if the library carries a specific periodical cited in the indexes, check the OCC Periodical List or click on the list of periodicals on the web page.

Subject-related print Periodicals in the OCC Library:

- Applied Radiology
- Radiologic Technology
- Radiology
- New England Journal of Medicine
- American Journal of Public Health
Searching for Periodicals and Books in *Electronic Resources*:

You will want to use the library’s Electronic Resources to help you locate magazine, journal, and newspaper articles, as well as electronic books. To access the electronic resources from off-campus, find the “Periodicals and Electronic Resources” web site; click on the database you want; and then put in your ID number using a hyphen (1234-5678) and your last name.

**Health Reference Center Academic**—This database provides full-text access to magazines and scholarly journals on: fitness, pregnancy, medicine, nutrition, diseases, public health, occupational health/safety, alcohol and drug abuse, and prescription drugs.

**Health and Wellness Resource Center**—This database provides full-text access to magazines, newspapers, dictionaries, encyclopedias, directories, and information on: fitness, pregnancy, medicine, nutrition, diseases, public health, occupational health and safety, alcohol and drug abuse, prescription drugs, etc.

**Lexis-Nexis Academic** provides medical journals and newsletters, along with general magazine, journal, and newspapers on all topics.

**Science in Context** provides encyclopedias, reference books, and journal articles on all topics related to the sciences.

**Ebsco Power Search** and **Infotrac Power Search** both provide full-text access to periodical titles from the arts and the humanities to the social sciences, science, and technology. You may limit your search to scholarly (academic) journals only.

**E-Books (from both Ebsco and Springer)** provides electronic full-text copies of published print materials, such as reference books, scholarly monographs, fiction and nonfiction books.


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**Using the World Wide Web**

- Search Tools: Subject Directories [Yahoo: [http://www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com)  
  *Health / Medicine / Radiology / Medical Imaging*]

- Search Tools: Search Engines [Google: [http://www.google.com](http://www.google.com)]
  “radiologic technology”+associations

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**Citing Print and Online Sources:**

- Link on the OCC Library Web Page under Instruction / Handouts for MLA and APA
- **MLA Style** [http://www.mla.org] or **APA Style** [http://www.apa.org]

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