FINDING PLANNING INFORMATION - SJSU URPB 298A

FINDING BOOKS AT SJSU
Start at SJSU library homepage, www.sjlibrary.org
• Click “Library Catalogue”
• Note that you can search by keyword, title, etc.
• Note that you can choose what collection you want to search (“Limit by Collection”)

IDENTIFYING USEFUL BOOKS AT OTHER LIBRARIES
• Go to the library home page and click on “SJSU Students and Faculty” (bottom left)
• Click on “Get Books Beyond SJLibrary” (Under “Find Books & More”). This page provides many search options:

OCLC
• If you click on the “California Libraries Catalogue” link, it takes you to a page where you can search many library catalogues in California at once.

WorldCat
• See “Find in a Library With WorldCat Search.” This system is even more powerful than OCLC, as it searches hundreds of libraries worldwide.
• Tip: Sometimes WorldCat does not catch all materials that you can find by going to a particular library’s home catalogue.

Search catalogues at other libraries
• Click on “Other Local & California Library Systems.” This page helps you access the catalogues for public and academic libraries worldwide.
• Tip: If you are researching a particular city, check out the public and university library catalogues in that city or region.

A particularly useful catalogue: “Melvyl”
• From the preceding page, in the list of “Local Academic Libraries,” note “California Digital Library (MELVYL).” This is the University of California’s library catalogue.
• A couple of things to know about Melvyl:
  - It lists books at ALL the UC campuses (not just UC Berkeley)
  - Most of the UC Berkeley libraries have stacks open to the public, though you may have to ask for a special day pass and you can’t check books out. In addition, SJSU students are eligible to purchase a library card to use the UC Berkeley system ($25 for 6 months; more information at http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/services/borrowing.html).

OBTAINING BOOKS FROM OTHER LIBRARIES
If you find an interesting item in a library catalogue, check SJSU’s catalogue first. If it’s not available there, try Link+ or Interlibrary Services. Info on these services is available from the page “How To Get Books from Other Library Systems.”

Link + system
• The Link + system lets you quickly get books from other CSU campuses, as well as some UC materials.

Interlibrary Services
• This services is for items that are NOT available from the SJSU or SJ city library systems, or through Link+.
• You will need a special ILLIad username and password. To get these, click on “First Time Users.” You will need your SJSU library card number to set up your ILLIAD account.
• Tip: Items requested through Interlibrary Services may arrive in a few days, or they may arrive in a few months.

FINDING JOURNAL ARTICLES
SJSU library subscribes to hundreds of databases that contain articles from thousands of journals. To see a list of them:
• Return to the SJSU library homepage (http://sjlibrary.org/gateways/academic/)
• Under “Find Articles & More,” click on “Databases”

One database often useful for planners is:

Expanded Academic Index (academic articles)
• Note that you can search just the title/citation/abstract, or the FULL TEXT.
• Note that when you do a search, you can check the box “Limit to scholarly/peer-reviewed publications”

Another useful database is:

Web of Science (also referred to as ISI Web of Knowledge)
• A useful feature of this database is the ability to find out how often an article has been cited (Hint: this can sometimes help identify important articles on this topic since they have been frequently cited)
• You can also easily find the articles that your selected article has cited (Hint: this can be helpful in expanding your literature search

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because you can quickly find related articles on your specific topic)

Other useful databases for planning research include “ProQuest” and “ScienceDirect.”

Lexis/Nexis and – This is a database that lets you search newspaper articles. For more databases that search newspapers, see http://sjlibrary.org/research/databases/sguide_subjectList.htm?subID=43&catID=1.

And there are many more databases, too . . .

FINDING JOURNALS ON-LINE

If you want to find out if SJSU has on-line access to a particular journal:

- Return to SJSU library homepage
- Click on “SJSU Students and Faculty” (lower left)
- You can use the search box “Search for a particular journal” to find out if the library has access to a particular journal on-line

FINDING LITERATURE REVIEWS

Two good sources of literature reviews:

- *Journal of Planning Literature*
- Recent doctoral dissertations. (You can access many of these through the database “Proquest Dissertations and Theses: Full Text.”)

SJSU LIBRARY GUIDE TO PLANNING RESEARCH

- Return to SJSU library homepage, http://sjlibrary.org/gateways/academic/
- Click on “SJSU Students and Faculty” (lower left)
- Click on “SJSU Research Topics” (middle left)
- Click on “urban and regional planning”
- Note the name of the librarian specializing in planning research.
- Note the various tabs on the menu to the left

UC BERKELEY, ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN LIBRARY

Research Guides (http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/ENVI/cityguid.html)