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 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

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)
- Under "Finding Articles & More," click on "E-Journals"
- 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)

- This library provides extensive guides to researching many different planning topics, from general plans to transportation planning to urban design.
- Note: Some on-line indexes and databases will be unavailable to you unless you use a computer at UCB, but many of the items on these pages are available to anyone or may be available through the SJSU on-line databases.

Reference librarians
- This library has librarians who specialize in planning research. You may want to visit to talk with them.
- Tip: Before you make a special trip, call first to find out what hours a librarian will be available.