Pathfinders: A navigational tool through the Library

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Why Me?

- Started a new job at Yukon College (unexpectedly!)
- Thought about what I wanted to know in order to do my own job
- Did the research… but nothing!
- Best option – Figure it out and get feedback
Outline of Presentation

- Original Outline
  - Examine examples
  - Pros and Cons
  - Guidelines
  - Distribution
  - Evaluate usage and value

- New Outline
  - Types (guidelines?)
  - Design elements
  - Pros and Cons
  - Usage
  - Survey
  - Examine examples
Background: Yukon College

- Part of the BC Electronic Library Network
- Approximately 800 students
- Students range from gr.9 equivalency to PhD researchers
- 3 Prof. Librarians and 3 Technicians
  - four started new jobs in August
- Very small Library, open concept (can see a lot!!)
Basic Observations

- Students like:
  - To be independent
  - Paper they can take away with them
  - To be treated as students (combination of knowledgeable and... not knowledgeable)
  - Something “quick and dirty”
Types (Guidelines?)

- General Research or Reference Skills
- Online Catalogue Skills
- Database- or Software-Specific Search Skills
- Discipline- or Course-Specific Research Skill
- Assignment-Specific Skills
- Internet Skills
Design Elements
I strongly recommend

- White Space
- Tables, Lists, Bullets, etc.
- Fonts, Bolding, or Italics
- Graphics, Underlining, or Outlining
- Colour
Pros and Cons

- Great start or no start at all?
- Speedy answers or incomplete?
- Availability great or poor?
- Training tool or out-of-date and misinforming?
- Great marketing tool or an embarrassment?
Tracking Usage

- Keep statistics on reprinting
  - Similar to answering reference questions
- Web-counter
- Questions about the pathfinders themselves
- Rates of updating
Yukon College Survey

- Part of a larger study
- 15 respondents in initial testing round
- Obtained pathfinders from website, spin rack, and then Librarians
- 100% liked colour
- APA Reference Guide most popular!
- Mixed opinions on layout but all liked formatting
- Didn’t like it if “too busy”
- Many liked one page, hole-punched for binder
Examining the Examples

- Start with me – Yukon College
- Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Red River College
Yukon College Library

Library Information
(Hours, contact info, policies, etc.)

Library Catalogue
/Search for books at Yukon College Library

Periodical & Newspaper Indexes
/Search for Journal Articles

Internet Links
/Search other libraries, government information, etc.

Student Research & Writing Guides
(Database help, APA and more)

Information for Instructors
(A/V. Reserve, Library Tours)

Ask a Librarian
(Research Assistance)

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FIRST NATIONS RESEARCH GUIDE

This brief guide divides the sources by material type, providing a framework for doing wildlife research. Books will give you background information and periodical articles provide specific details once you have a general understanding of your topic. Please ask the Reference Librarian for assistance with your research.

Books and Videos
The reference section has general books on your topic. You may wish to begin your search with Encyclopaedia Britannica (E80 1996). Reference books do not leave the library.

To find videos, add "video recording" to your search. Videos are shelved with the books.

Reference books include:
- The ancient Americans
  A Native American encyclopedia: history, culture and peoples
  Encyclopedia of North American Indian Tribes
  Handbook of North American Indians
  Yukon Region First Nation Profiles
  Part of the Land, Part of the Water
  My Old People Say
  Bibliographic Dictionary of American Indian History to 1900
  Encyclopedias of Native American Religions
  Statistical Record of Native North Americans
  American Indian Culture
  Encyclopedias of Native American Legal Tradition

The Main collection contains items you can sign out. Some areas to browse include:
- Pre-Columbian America
- Indians of North America
- Yukon First Nations
- Indian Tribes and Cultures
- Federal First Nation Laws
- Indigenous Archeology

The best way research your topic is to search the Yukon College Library catalogue on the Internet.  http://yukoncollege.yk.ca/services/library
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Search Alerts (SA) are called Article Alerts.

See also: Guide to CISTI Source.

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<td>- CISTI personal account is required</td>
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<td>- Multidisciplinary database; updated weekly</td>
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<td>- Alerts are retained for 3 months (default) unless you remove them</td>
<td>- Only the brief citation is provided</td>
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<td>- SA: email is received each week</td>
<td>- No local holdings information</td>
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5. To view Article Alerts later, select **alerts** from the top bar.
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When information is quoted or referred to in a paper, a text citation is given to identify the source of the quotation or information. These text citations refer to full citations which are listed in the bibliography (also called reference list) at the end of the paper. The bibliography is a list of works quoted or referred to in the paper. The bibliography is arranged in alphabetical order by the surname of the first author, or by title, if there is no author.

The examples shown in this handout are based on:

American Psychological Association
Publication manual of the American Psychological Association
(kept at the Research Help Desk and at the Reserve Desk)

You can also find style manuals on the Internet. Go to the home page for Memorial University libraries [http://www.library.mun.ca/], Select Internet, then Term Papers - Style Guides, Manuals, then Style Guides - Internet/Electronic or Style Guides - Print Publications. To find how the American Psychological Association answers some frequently asked questions (FAQs) go to http://www.apastyle.org/elecref.html

Text citations (examples of some common text citations) [top]
Entry in an encyclopaedia (if the entry does not have an author, begin citation with the entry title and date): Author. (Date). Title of entry. In Title of encyclopaedia. Publisher.


Periodicals

Journal article: Author. (Date). Title of the article. Name of the periodical, volume (number), pages.


Newspaper article without an author and from a daily newspaper: Title of the article. (Date). Name of the newspaper, pages.


Personal communications

Personal communications, including letters, memos, some electronic communications (e.g., E-mail, discussion groups), interviews, or telephone conversations are no text only.

K.W. Schaie (personal communication, April 19, 1996)...

Internet


Research

Articles & Databases

Click HERE for a username and password for RRC-only databases.

- **Ebscohost Databases - On Campus** (RRC)
  Includes: Academic Search Premier, Business Source Premier, Canadian Reference Centre, CINAHL and 8 more.
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- **Ebscohost Databases - From Home** (RRC)
- **Ebscohost - How to Use It** (PDF)
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- **CCINFOWEB** (RRC)
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- **Educator's Reference Desk**
- **ERIC Educational Resource Centre**
- **Findarticles.com**
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- **Hospitality & Tourism Index** (RRC)
- **Library Literature** (RRC)
- **PubMed**
- **PubMed Central**
- **Strategis**

Internet Resources

- **Dictionaries**
- **Encyclopedias**
- **Government Information**
The Results List

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Each result is numbered with the most recent articles appearing at the top of the list. All available formats for the article are displayed—HTML full text, PDF full text, or linked full text. Click on the title links at any time to view the full record which includes an abstract (a summary of what the article is about).

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- Princess St. Campus
- Suggest a Purchase

Borrowing Services

- Borrow From Another Library (Forms)
- Loan Periods and Policies
- Renew My Books
- Reserve a Book (Place a Hold)
- Reserve Readings List

Get Information

- Ask Library Staff: Email/Phone in Your Question
- Help Guides
- Library Catalogue
- Passwords for Online Databases (Form)
- Research Resources (Ebscohost, Articles, E-journals, Subject Guides)
- Your Library Account

My RRC Links

- WebCT
HELP GUIDES

RRC Guides

- **RRC Library Handbook** (PDF) How to use the library.
- **Library Guide to Regional Campus Services** (PDF)
- **Ebscohost Guide** (PDF)
- **E-Stat Guide** (PDF)
- **NETDOC Guide** (PDF). How to use University of Manitoba's NETDOC for RRC nursing students.
- **RRC Nursing Guide**. Paper copy available in the Library.

Guides on the Web

- **How To Read Library of Congress Call Numbers**
- **Distinguishing Scholarly Journals from Other Periodicals**
- **Citing Sources, Guide to Library Research**
- **Sources (citing sources)**
- **Study Guides and Strategies**
In Conclusion

I think we need to put more priority into this Service