Barnard Library: Finding the Best Resources
First Year Writing
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STARTING YOUR RESEARCH

- **First Year Writing: Research Guide**
  - Go to: [https://library.barnard.edu/find-books-guides/ENGL/ENGLX1210](https://library.barnard.edu/find-books-guides/ENGL/ENGLX1210)
  - Select your professor’s name for the guide for your section

- **Encyclopedias**
  - Use Wikipedia and Google for ideas, keywords, and resources to use
  - Click “Reference Resource” in the First Year Writing: Research Guide to find authoritative encyclopedias and companion texts

- **Make an appointment!** Book an appointment with the PL assigned to your floor/status [https://library.barnard.edu/personal-librarians](https://library.barnard.edu/personal-librarians)

UNDERSTANDING MLA BIBLIOGRAPHY CITATIONS

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CLIO BASICS

- Catalog: searches books, media materials, and journals, but **not** articles within journals
- Articles: searches within **all** of the Columbia Library journal databases
- Databases: to find specific databases for targeted research
**SEARCHING IN CLIO AND OTHER DATABASES**

**Keyword Search Tips:**

- “All Field” searches *all fields* in the catalog record for your keywords
- “Subject” searches only the subject portion of the catalog record
- Put keywords in quotes to search as a phrase (“Colonial Mexico”)
- Use the * to search variant endings (“Feminis*” finds Feminism, Feminist, Feminists)

**Complex Keyword searching using Boolean Searching (all caps AND, OR and NOT):**

- **AND** finds records with all search terms you entered: “Virginia Woolf” AND Gender
- **OR** finds combines one or more of the search terms: Motherhood OR Gender
- **NOT** can help remove unwanted results
- Group search terms with parentheses: “To the Lighthouse” AND (Feminis* OR Gender)

*Boolean Searching help page:* library.barnard.edu/find-books/boolean

**FINDING JOURNAL ARTICLES**

- Try the recommended databases in the “First Year Writing: Research Guide”
- If a database does not have the full-text, use the e-links to find it in another database.
- Find journals by title by searching the “Catalog” in CLIO.
- Find articles by title by searching in “Articles” in CLIO.
- See all 1,500+ databases available to you by looking at “Databases” in CLIO.

**GUIDE TO THE LIBRARIES**

- There are 23 libraries in the Columbia Library System. Check the library before you go!
- Lefrak Has all the new books purchased for Barnard
- Milstein Division of Butler Library: This is the undergraduate library at Butler.
- Barnard Collection in Milstein: You can find them in rooms 406, 406A and 409
- Butler Stacks: books on literature (call # P) are on the 5th floor.

**Call Numbers: Library of Congress (LC):**

- In the LC classification system, the first number is a whole number (H5 is before H4501)
- The next set of numbers acts like a decimal (H8 .A4811 comes before H8 .A5)
- The call number of a book is determined by the first subject heading listed in the record