

History 480 Seminar in History Modern America

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Session I

Library Instruction Goals

- 3 sessions devoted to resources and research – Reference Collection; Book resources; Journal & Online Resources
- Library services – Ask a Librarian; Consultations; Reference support; Interlibrary loan
- Build on your general knowledge of libraries and their organization and resources to refine and enhance your research skills

Reference Collection

- Defined: A discrete collection of materials such as encyclopedias, dictionaries, almanacs, directories, or statistical sources as well as periodical indexes, and subject bibliographies.
- In Crumb Library – 1st floor adjacent to the computer workstations and the Reference Librarians
- Material is for use in the library
 - Starting point for topic development
 - Identify resources
 - Provide factual or statistical support to your work

Finding Reference Sources in Crumb Library

- Utilize the classification numbers to *browse* in general subject areas
- Search for resources in the library catalog, BearCat using advanced search to *limit* your search to reference materials
- Search BearCat using by subject heading
 - Library of Congress Subject Headings = the *controlled vocabulary*