Finding Resources: Using the Library’s Tools

Good places to start:

- **Primo**: Searches everything physically available in the NMSU Libraries and most of our online resources. Always use the Advanced Search option for more choices up front.
- **Academic Search Complete**: Popular database that includes articles from most subject areas. Databases tab: A-Z List or use the Database Name search bar.
- **Databases** (search by the subject you’re researching): Lists of databases specific to subject

Refine Results:

Options to refine your results will appear after your initial search to help you narrow your search results even further. The following choices are some that will most drastically alter your search results and are common across Primo and other databases:

- Full text
- Peer-reviewed
- Publication Date
- Format/Resource Type
- Subject

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Can’t find the full text of an article? Need a book not available at the library?

Known as “Request It” or “Interlibrary Loan” (ILL), these services allows users to borrow materials from other libraries. See the link below for more information about this awesome service!

**Archives & Government Documents:**

In addition to a Primo search, local resources can be found in the Archives and the Government Documents collections. Archives are primary resources; historical records that have been collected for a specific purpose. At NMSU, the Archives focuses primarily on materials relating to Southern New Mexico and the Borderlands and to the university itself. One of the official depositories in the state, NMSU library’s Government Documents (Gov Docs) department collects agency publications produced by the United States government and the State of New Mexico.

Both of these departments are located in the Branson Library and their hours differ from the rest of the library (check the “Hours & Locations” tab on the library homepage).

- **Archives:** [http://lib.nmsu.edu/archives/](http://lib.nmsu.edu/archives/)
- **Gov Docs:** [http://nmsu.libguides.com/governmentdocuments](http://nmsu.libguides.com/governmentdocuments)

**Useful Links to Library Guides:**

- Primo: [http://nmsu.libguides.com/primo](http://nmsu.libguides.com/primo)
- ILL: (coming soon in 2019...stay tuned!)
- Citing: [http://nmsu.libguides.com/citingyoursources](http://nmsu.libguides.com/citingyoursources)
- Plagiarism: [http://nmsu.libguides.com/plagiarism](http://nmsu.libguides.com/plagiarism)
- Getting Started with Research: [http://nmsu.libguides.com/gettingstarted](http://nmsu.libguides.com/gettingstarted)
- Understanding & Evaluating Resources: [http://nmsu.libguides.com/sources](http://nmsu.libguides.com/sources)
- Using Peer-reviewed articles efficiently: (coming soon in 2019...stay tuned!)