**MLA**

# DAY 1- ACTIVITY #1: EXPLORE THIS SOURCE – CREDO REFERENCE

**CREDO**

1. Go to the library homepage, http://library.olivet.edu
2. Click on the "Subject Guides" tab
3. Choose the **Good Places to Start** Subject Guide
4. Under the heading "Selected eBooks," choose Credo Reference
5. Use this general topic: **linguistics**
6. Explore the database.

   a. Notice the indicator of article length
   b. Try the "Mind Map" search option
   c. Suggest a narrower topic or specific research question based on this general topic, _____
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**Notes**

*Not finding what you need?  Try a similar database, Gale Virtual Reference*

# DAY 1- ACTIVITY #2: USING THE DEWEY DECIMAL SYSTEM TO FIND SOURCES FOR **YOUR** TOPIC
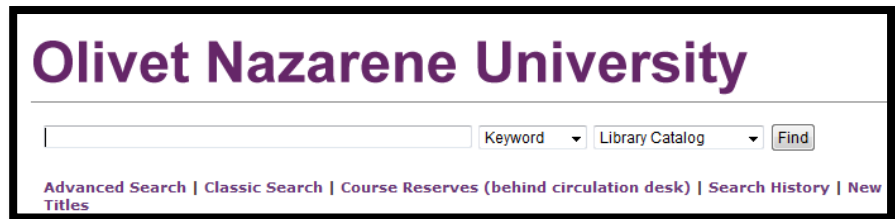
**Dewey classification for MLA topics**

370 **Education**
371 Schools & their activities; special education
372 Elementary education
373 Secondary education
374 Adult education
375 Curricula
378 Higher education
379 Public policy issues in education
400-499 **Language**
700-799 **Arts & Entertainment**
800-899 **Literature**

## Olivet Nazarene University

Keyword ▾ | Library Catalog ▾ | Find

Advanced Search | Classic Search | Course Reserves (behind circulation desk) | Search History | New Titles

1. Use the Library Catalog, https://vufind.carli.illinois.edu/vf-onu/, to search for a subject-specific reference book related to your topic.
   a. Search using one keyword related to your topic
   b. On the results screen, look on the right-side.  Under "Locations" choose "Reference"
      Note: All of these results have call numbers beginning with an "R," This means they are in the Reference Collection on the first floor & cannot be checked out.
   c. Additional dictionaries and encyclopedias for many subject areas have recently been moved to the circulating collections on the third Floor.  These books *can* be checked out!

   **Keyword you used**: _____
   **Title of a specific reference book I want to review**: _____
   _____
   **Call number:** _____

🕐 **Allow 15-25 minutes for steps 2-6**

1. Go to the Reference Collection (1ˢᵗ floor) **OR** to the circulating collection (and 3ʳᵈ floor)
2. Find the shelf which houses your book.
3. Find the book. *Ask for help at the Reference Desk if needed!*
4. Use the table of contents or index to locate an entry related to your specific area of interest (or one that will help you narrow you topic).     **Page number:** _____
5. Read the entry.
   **List one new thing you learned from reading this article:** _____
   _____
   **List one question that emerged from reading this article:** _____
   _____

# HOMEWORK FOR LIBRARY DAY 1-RESOURCE #3:
# EXPLORE THE ILLINOIS CATALOG [I-SHARE]

1. Go to the library homepage, http://library.olivet.edu

2. Click on the "Books & Media" tab.

3. Choose the gray button for the "Library Catalog"

4. Do a keyword search for this general topic: **emigration**

5. Note how many results you get: _____

6. Redo your keyword search for emigration, but change the drop-down box to the "Illinois Catalog" Including Olivet, the Illinois catalog searches the holdings of 90 academic library partners in the state!



7. Note how many results you get when searching the combined catalog:

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8. When searching the combined catalog, you may see results for ebooks that are available only to patrons at a specific school. In order to avoid frustration, consider using the "Hide eResources to which I don't have access" checkbox.
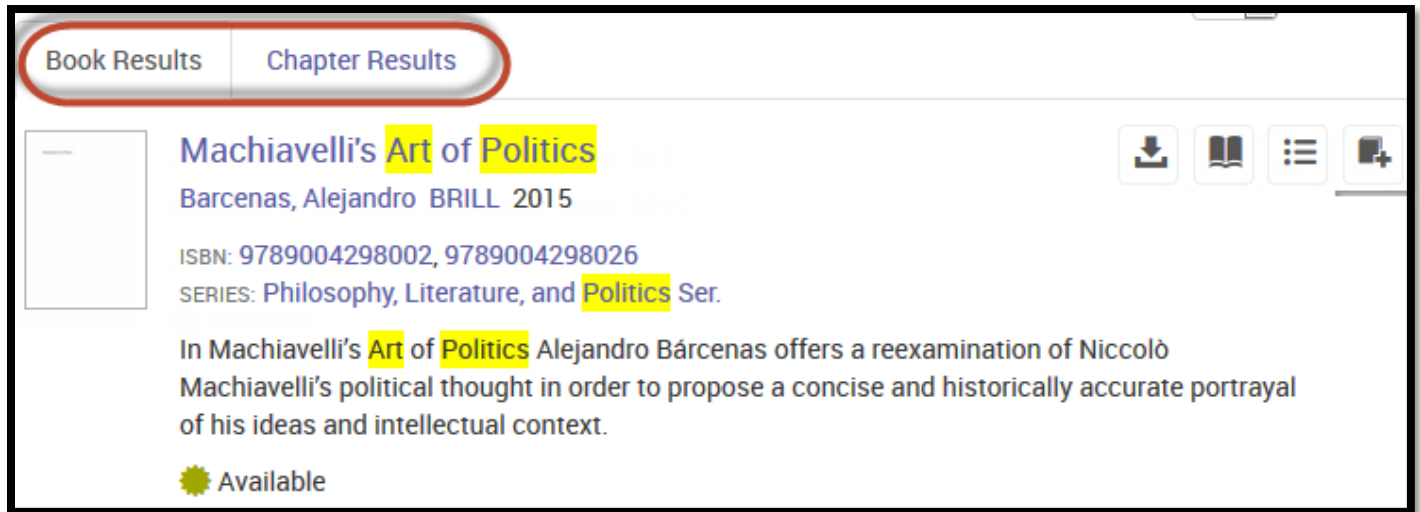


9. Explore the database

   a. List three material formats that are available for this topic:

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   b. Note 3 ways to limit your results: _____

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# DAY 1- ACTIVITY #4: EXPLORE THIS SOURCE – EBOOK CENTRAL

ProQuest
Ebook Central™

1. Go to the library homepage, http://library.olivet.edu

2. Click on the "Books & Media" tab on the homepage.
3. Click on "eBook Collections"
4. Choose "Ebook Central."   This database contains Scholarly content; not books written for the general public
5. Use this general topic: **politics AND art**

Book Results     Chapter Results

Machiavelli's Art of Politics
Barcenas, Alejandro  BRILL  2015

ISBN: 9789004298002, 9789004298026
SERIES: Philosophy, Literature, and Politics Ser.

In Machiavelli's Art of Politics Alejandro Bárcenas offers a reexamination of Niccolò Machiavelli's political thought in order to propose a concise and historically accurate portrayal of his ideas and intellectual context.

✸ Available

6. Explore the database

   a. Compare content on the "Book Results" and "Chapter Results" tabs
   b. What is the difference between searching with ANY of the selected subjects –vs- ALL of the selected subjects?
   c. Suggest a narrower topic or specific research question based on this general topic, _____

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Reading options:
1. Read online (preferred)
2. On your **own computer,** download entire book for up to 21-days.  Requires the Adobe Digital Editions app *and* an Adobe account.  Note: You *can download chapters* as .pdf without an account.
3. The "Bookshelf" and "Sign In" options in this database are tied to **your ONU username and password.**  You *don't need to make a special account* in order to save pages, make highlights, write sticky notes, or change preferred citation style (default is MLA; APA, Chicago, Vancouver also available)

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