# Arts Writing and Research Resources: Guiding Students Through the Research Process

## Workshop Description

Join Rémi Castonguay, VRC Curator; Sara Ellis, Art and Visual Literacy Librarian; and Jessica Law, Graduate Academic Assistant, for an exploration of visual arts resources tools. We'll spend a good deal of time on basic research and writing resources that can help you  guide your students through that process. If you are faculty or a TA helping students write papers, this might be a great session to attend. If you are a new student looking to learn more about the rich array of UBC visual arts resources, this is also a great session to attend!

**Workshop Outline**

- How to Get Started
- Library and Database Research
- Assignment Guides
- Citations
- Copyright

## How to Get Started

The Centre for Writing and Scholarly Communication

- From the Centre's homepage navigate to "Writing Resources" or click here: https://writing.library.ubc.ca/writing-resources/
    - You then have a choice to navigate by status, e.g., Undergraduate or Graduate or other as needed

- In "Annotated Resources":
    - Two great examples are available for Art History
        - "Annotated Art History Abstract"
        - "Annotated Art History Research Article"
    - Another content-rich section is → Guides to Writing and Research, e.g., for undergrads:

- A great help for novice researchers in terms of getting formulaic language for introduction is the [Lexical bundles for Research Article Introduction](#),

## Assignment Calculator

- A really good resource for getting started, is the [Assignment Calculator](#). It will guide students through the various steps of writing an essay and give a schedule to follow.

# Library

## General

- The best place to get a thorough orientation to Library research is the Get Research Help portal: https://help.library.ubc.ca/

- Once a student is ready to begin searching, a good starting place is Summon, the single search bar / search engine located right on the Library homepage https://library.ubc.ca
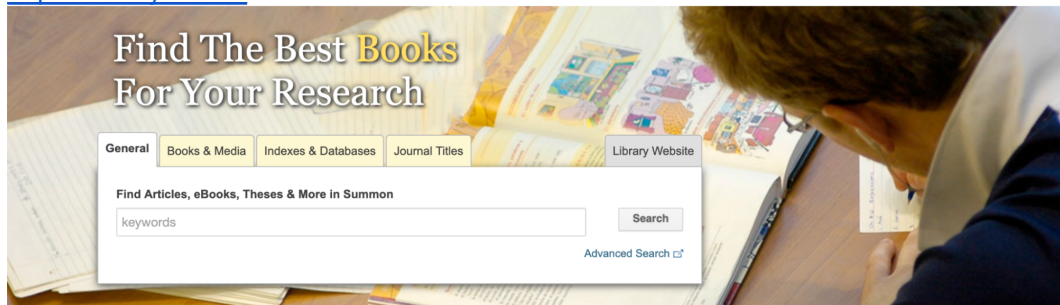


- Take advantage of the embedded tools to facilitate keyword searching and link out to related content
  - E.g., "More Info" link in Summon (see screenshot below) → "Subjects" organize books using Library of Congress Classification and are useful for expanding keyword searches and linking to related material

- From there, a search can be expanded using the Browse the Catalogue feature
  - E.g., "Subject begins with" or "Subject contains" options (see screenshots below)
    - Students are often not aware of this tool, which breaks topics down into specific sub-sections or categories
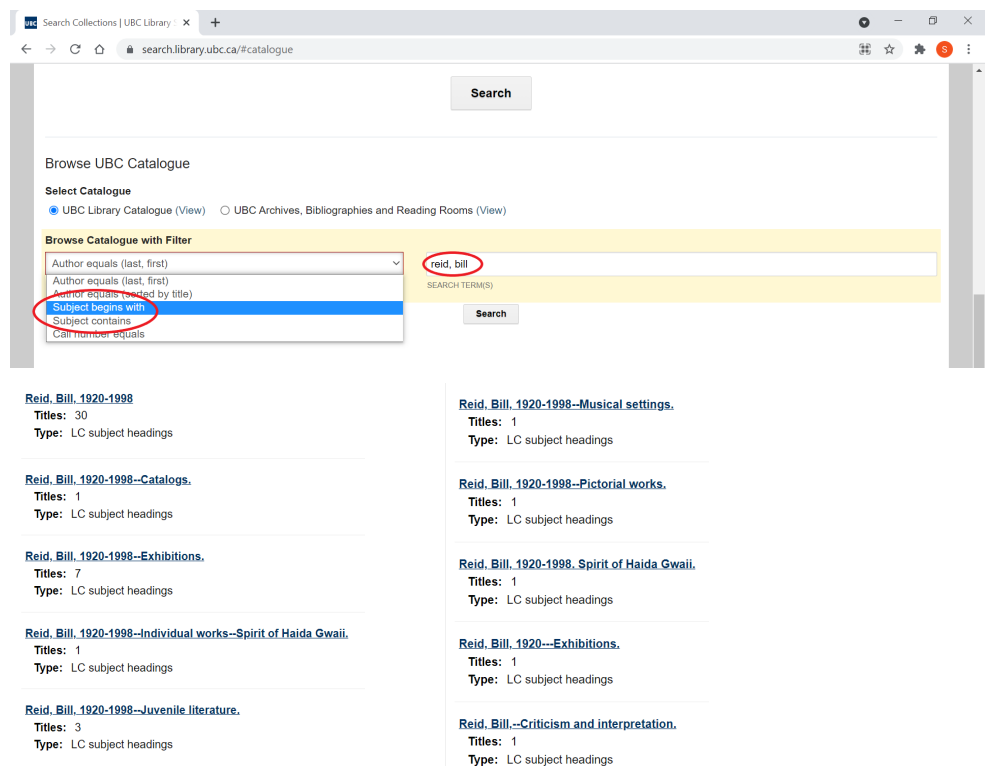


- Lean Library browser extension: https://guides.library.ubc.ca/connect/ll
  - After downloading, the extension will notify you if you're on a website that contains content the Library has subscription access to. Then, it's just a single click to open the site through the Library's systems and get access to all that licensed material.

For undergrads

- Library Skills Tutorial (extremely basic intro): https://guides.library.ubc.ca/library_tutorial
- Research Paper Prep Worksheet: https://guides.library.ubc.ca/ld.php?content_id=33891086
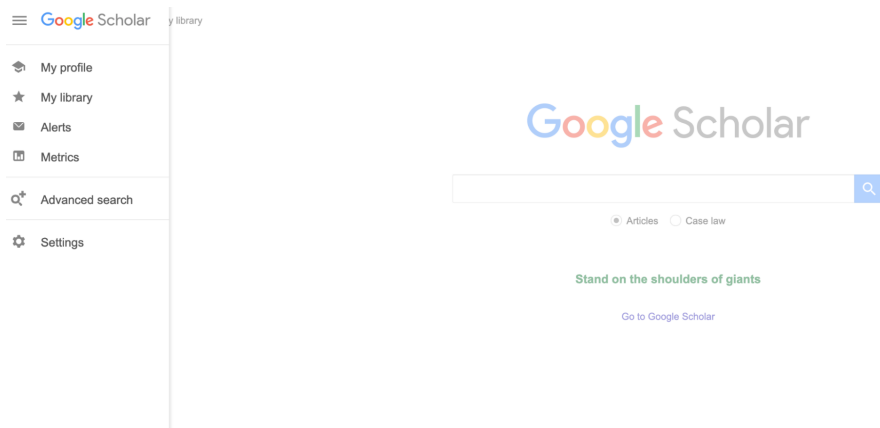
# Databases

Sourcing and using images

- The UBC Library Images - Finding & Using Guide
  - Find and use images for research and educational purposes
  - Includes lists of Open Access image collections
- Artstor-JSTOR (contains new features) https://about.jstor.org/artstor-updates/
  - Access subscription resources and Artstor Commons (Public Collections)
- Google Images, Creative Commons
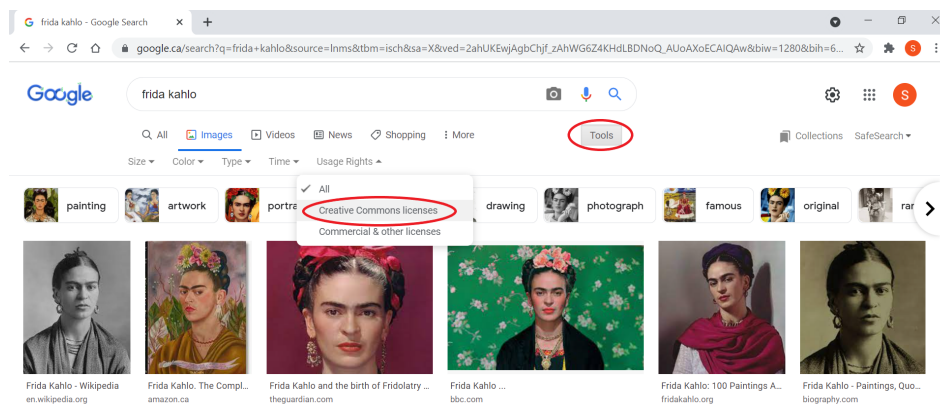


- Tailor Google Scholar for your research → Go to Settings

Click on Library Links, search for UBC, select the appropriate box and click save



- For consultations: contact Sara Ellis, Art & Visual Literacy Librarian: sara.ellis@ubc.ca

# Assignment Guides

For undergrads

- Guides to Writing in Art History

  - https://writingcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools/art-history/

  - https://writingproject.fas.harvard.edu/files/hwp/files/writing_about_art_final_web.pdf

  - https://guides.library.yale.edu/arthistoryresearchandwriting (note the art titles in the side menu)

  - https://www.swarthmore.edu/writing/art-history-writing-guide#Discipline

  - https://www.ocadu.ca/Assets/content/teaching-learning/WLC/Online+Resources/Writing+Art+Reviews.pdf

  - https://www.csus.edu/indiv/o/obriene/art112/readings/writing_a_review_of_an_exhibition.pdf

- How to do a Visual Analysis:

  - https://twp.duke.edu/sites/twp.duke.edu/files/file-attachments/visual-analysis.original.pdf

  - https://museum.cornell.edu/sites/default/files/Johnson%20Museum%20Visual%20Analysis%20101.pdf

  - https://www.skidmore.edu/arthistory/academic/writing/visual.php

  - http://www.utsdesignindex.com/researchmethod/visual-analysis-of-a-photograph/

**Online Toolkits**

- UBC Public Humanities Hub → Public Scholarship Series → Toolkits

  - Podcasting Toolkit

    - See also:
      Chapman Learning Commons DIY Media Studio (Room 323 in the Music, Art & Architecture Library)

    - UBC Studios → DIY Media spaces

  - Exhibitions Toolkit

    - Includes resources, links, recommended readings, and spaces/contacts on the UBC-V and UBCO campuses for coordinating exhibitions

# Thesis Planning

**For grads**

- Literature Review Research Guide: https://guides.library.ubc.ca/litreviews

- Literature Review Workshops: https://libcal.library.ubc.ca/event/3592871 (offered every other month)

- Resources for Dissertation Writing Research Guide: https://guides.library.ubc.ca/c.php?g=697750&p=4952130

# Citations

General

- Library research guides - citing sources
    - See: How to Cite guide (select "Major Styles in left-hand navigation menu)
    - Link out to: Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL) - excellent resource

**For undergrads**

- Chapman Learning Commons
    - Online guides: academic integrity, copyright citations

# Copyright

General

- UBC Copyright Office

Specific

- [Copyright for Image Sources](#)
- [Image Citation Guide](#)
- For consultations: contact Stephanie Savage, Scholarly Communications and Copyright Services Librarian: [stephanie.savage@ubc.ca](mailto:stephanie.savage@ubc.ca)