J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Libraries

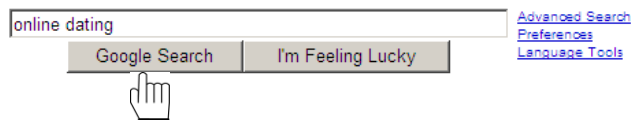*Your first stop for information and research needs!*

> ## *Library Databases vs. Google Worksheet*

Last updated 5/31/2011.

*Use **Google** and the **MasterFILE Premier** database to search the topic, **online dating** and compare the type of information found on both.*
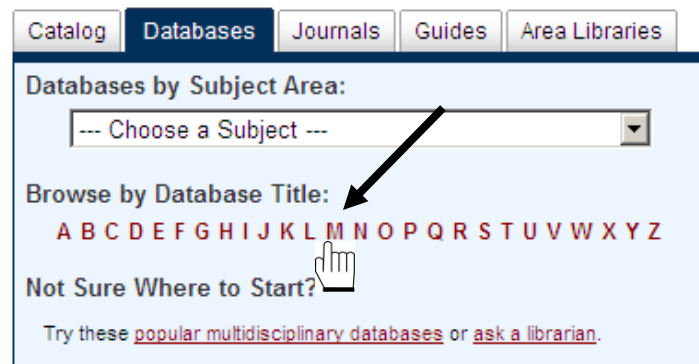
A. Search Google:

1. Go to Google at http://www.google.com.
2. Type **online dating** in the search window. Press the **<Enter>** key or click on the **Google Search** button to execute the search.

3. When the *Google Results* screen appears, **click on the 1st 5 links** from the results and **briefly review the web pages found**.
4. **Print out the 1st page of any web page** from the results you reviewed and **attach it to this worksheet**.

B. Search MasterFILE Premier:

1. From the library's home page at http://library.reynolds.edu, click on the **Databases** tab above the search box.
2. When the Databases box appears, click on **M** from the alphabetical list under the *Browse by Database Title* heading.

3. When the list of databases that begin with M appears, click on **MasterFILE Premier**. If you are accessing the database from off-campus, you will be brought to a Virginia's Community Colleges login screen first. Login with your – My JSRCC (Blackboard) username and password.

OVER

4. When the *Advanced Search* screen for the *MasterFILE Premier* database appears, type **online dating** in the 1st search window. Select **SU Subject Terms** from the 1st *Select a Field* menu on the right. Checkmark the **Full Text** box under the *Limit your results* section. Press the <**Enter**> key or click on the **Search** button to execute your search.

5. When the Results screen appears, **click on the first 5 links to briefly review the articles found**.
6. When the full article appears, click on the **Cite this Article** (yellow page) icon to view the article citation in different style formats (e.g., APA, MLA, etc.)

7. **Print out the 1st page of any article** from the results you reviewed and **attach it to this worksheet**.

C. Compare Results from Google & MasterFILE Premier

Answer the following:

1. Which resource includes more search options to retrieve more relevant results? (*Select one*)

    ____ Google   ____ MasterFILE Premier

2. Which resource includes ads and sponsored links? (*Select one*)

    ____ Google   ____ MasterFILE Premier

3. Which resource retrieves more magazine articles? (*Select one*)

    ____ Google   ____ MasterFILE Premier

4. Did any of the web pages you reviewed from your Google results feature an automatic citation tool like the *Cite this Article* tool in MasterFILE Premier? (*Select one*)

    ____ Yes   ____ No

5. Which resource is best for college level research? (*Select One*)

    ____ Google   ____ MasterFILE Premier