Portal to information resources –

http://my.ltu.edu/

http://library.ltu.edu

Phone: 248.204.3000

Email: refdesk@ltu.edu

Presented by Gretchen Weiner, Librarian
Location & Hours

Buell Management Building
Lower level
Open Monday – Saturday (except holidays)
See website for current hours
START YOUR RESEARCH

• Library home page
• Learn your way around the basics
• TechCat+
• Subscription databases for targeted searching
• Dissertations
• Google Scholar
HAVE A PLAN

- Access Library resources from home or campus (authentication through BlackBoard)
- Visit the Library to locate material and ask questions
- Use tools like the eJournal Finder & LinkSource to identify accessible electronic materials
- Not every item identified will be immediately available
- Be prepared to use *interlibrary loan*
KEEPING TRACK

- Learn the *ins* and *outs* of RefWorks
- Information and links to tutorials are in the Citing & RefWorks LibGuide
- Develop a list of keywords and subject headings
- Develop a list of authors/experts in your field
SEARCHING

- **TechCat+, the LTU Catalogue**
  - Powerful searching, best starting point
  - Overview with many options
  - Physically & electronically owned,
  - Citation/abstract for items not owned
- **MeLCat**, Michigan libraries sharing
- **Interlibrary Loan**
Borrowing

- **MeLCat**, (books only) Michigan libraries sharing
- **Reciprocal Lenders** & **Infopass**
- **Michicard**

- **Interlibrary loan (ILL)** (mainly free)

- Purchase – rare, but sometimes the only option
  - Especially for dissertations
Start in TechCat+

- Create & log into both TechCat+ & WorldCat accounts
- Searches many indexes centrally
- Option to select additional indexes
- Results include books, articles, conference proceedings, some are full-text, some not
- Citation only – what are your options?
- Compare to Google/Scholar
  - Credible, authoritative
Literature Review – Part 2

- **Subject Guide to Databases**
- Why use?
- List of recommended starting points
  - MANAGEMENT
  - DISSERTATIONS
  - GENERAL
  - Other subject specific databases
DATABASES TO CONSIDER

- Business Source Complete
- Emerald
- IEEE Digital Library
- LexisNexis (includes Hoover’s)
- Sage
- **Scopus
- Subject specific databases
How to Search...

- Advanced Search – consider options  (Online Help may save time in the end!)

- Labels
  - Keyword, abstract, etc.

- Filters
  - Peer-reviewed, full-text, etc.
  - Date
  - Format

- Wildcards such as ? or *

- Advantages of opening a personal account in a frequently used database
Full Text

• Electronic or print
• **Not** everything is on the web
• **Not** everything is free

• [CLS LinkSource](#) – finds available full text from a citation
• [eJournal Finder](#) – list of available electronic journals
Other Resources

Cabell’s Dissertations

- [Doctoral Students LibGuide](#)
  - information & tips on searching for & locating dissertations
  - publishing
- Limited number of faculty dissertations in the library collection available for borrowing
- LTU doctoral dissertations available electronically and in print
ACQUIRING DISSERTATIONS

• **Search for Dissertations**
  - See Doctoral Students LibGuide
  - Start in TechCat+ but limit content by *Thesis/dissertation*
    • Add *WorldCat Dissertations* database
  - Most of these results will be **citation only** not full text
  - Topic should be well defined at this point
  - Some may be available through [interlibrary loan](#)
  - Most available for purchase (Dissertation Express or direct)
  - **Or contact author**

• **Reality Check**
  - Expect to spend money for information critical to your research

• [Dissertation Express](#)
• On the shelf in the LTU Library
  • Not on campus? Place a request for the book from your library account in TechCat+ & pick it up at the circulation desk
• Not owned by LTU Library
  • MeLCat - place your requests online & pick it up at LTU or use your “home” library
  • Investigate - Reciprocal, Michicard, Infopass
  • ILL requests - directly in TechCat+, online form or in person
Tips on Finding Standards

• Access IEEE standards through IEEE Digital Library (does not include draft versions)

• Detroit Public Library has a broad collection of current standards (Phone: 313-833-1450)

• ILI - Info sells most standards, search their “store” for free to determine availability, revisions, etc.

• ISO, ANSI also sell standards and allow free searching in their online “stores”.
Research Assistance

RefWorks will make your life easier!

- **RefWorks** – bibliographic management tool that helps you collect and manage references; add notes, descriptors, urls to keep track of citations
  - Create bibliographies; share lists
  - Write-N-Cite
  - More information through the library website
- [Citing Sources & RefWorks](#) LibGuide
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  - Research Help Now 24/7 research assistance
- Search suggestions, strategies & tips, in LibGuides