

Shapiro Library

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FAQ for Effective Library Research Community Economic Development Program

Shapiro Library provides numerous secondary sources -- books, magazine, newspaper and journals -- in both electronic and paper format to support the research needs of the students and faculty at Southern New Hampshire University. The Electronic Resources are available from any computer on the SNHU campus and from your home or office. An SNHU E-mail address and password is necessary to access these services from off-campus.

Where can I find books and dissertations on my topic?

[Shapiro Library Online Catalog:](#)

This is the database that lists materials – books, documents, proceedings - located in Shapiro Library. It replaces the old card catalog. To access from the library webpage choose “Library Research” and then “Online Library Catalog.” Patrons need to register with the library to sign out library material.

[WorldCat](#)

An online catalog of worldwide library holdings, this database is not full-text, only bibliographic information is available. Publications not available at Shapiro Library must be ordered through Interlibrary Loan.

[Dissertation Abstracts](#)

Selectively covers master’s theses and dissertations including dissertations from Canada, Great Britain, and Europe. Coverage = 1861 to present; abstracts = 1980 to present.

I need to look at examples of CED projects. Where are they located?

[Shapiro Library Online Catalog:](#)

Shapiro Library has approximately 600 CED projects written by former students in the program in a special collection. All projects have been cataloged and can be found by using the *Shapiro Library Online Catalog*. They can be retrieved by the author’s name or by using the advanced search feature. You may select “Advanced Search” and limit the search by “CED Reports” or keyword search and type “Community Economic Development project report”

I need to locate current, general information on my topic. Where can I find magazines and newspapers?

[Academic Index ASAP](#) and [Academic Search Premier](#)

Both of these databases are designed for basic research at the undergraduate level and contain many full-text articles; they are the best sources for locating information in magazines such as *Time*, *Newsweek*, *U.S. News & World Report*.

[General Business File](#) and [Business Source Complete](#)

Both of these databases are designed for business research and contain many full-text articles; they are the best sources for locating information in magazines such as *Business Week*, *Fortune* and *Forbes*.

[Lexis-Nexis- Academic Universe](#)

This is the academic version of the premier electronic archive of newspaper articles. The most efficient way to search is by choosing “News” on the top navigation bar and selecting the subset of sources you wish to search using the “Select Sources” pull down menu. All articles in the database are full-text.

[Newspaper Source](#)

This database provides full-text for 139 regional U.S. newspapers, eighteen international newspapers, six newswires, and nine newspaper columns, *The Christian Science Monitor* and *The Los Angeles Times*.

I have to do scholarly research on my topic. Where can I locate relevant journal articles?

[Academic OneFile](#), [Academic Index ASAP](#) and [Academic Search Premier](#)
[General Business File](#) and [Business Source Complete](#)

In addition to magazine articles, these databases also provide access to scholarly publications, some of which are full-text. Each database allows the option to limit your research to scholarly (peer reviewed) journals or research publications.

[JSTOR: the scholarly journal archive](#)

This database of archival issues of scholarly journals has items dating back to inception. The SNHU subscriptions to Arts & Science Collection *I, II and IV* includes the complete runs of over 300 important journal in a variety disciplines including: African American Studies, Anthropology, various regional Studies, Ecology, Economics, Education, Finance, History, Language & Literature, Mathematics, Philosophy, Political Science, Population Studies, Public Policy & Administration, Sociology, Statistics.

[Periodicals Archive Online](#)

Periodicals Archive Online (formerly PCI) indexes thousands of scholarly journals in the humanities and social sciences and makes the full image of many articles available in digital form.

[Project Muse](#)

Over 300 full-text, peer-reviewed current journals from more than 58 scholarly publishers in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences are available in this database.

[FirstSearch](#)

This is a comprehensive online reference service that includes 33 indexes in a variety of disciplines. Searches can be done across databases or in individual databases, such as, EconLit, Article First, Dissertation Abstracts and PAIS International.

I need statistics for my research. Where do I look?

[USAGov](#)

The website claims to be Your First Click to the U.S. Government. This is the premier search engine that retrieves information from all the web sites of the U.S. federal government. Provides links to government sites such as U.S Bureau of the Census and Bureau of Labor Statistics. Shapiro Library is a U.S. Government depository library and items received in paper format may be located in the [Shapiro Library Online Catalog](#).

Is there a comprehensive database for laws, federal regulations and state codes?

[Lexis-Nexis- Academic Universe](#)

Academic version of the best known archive of legal material. The most efficient way to search is to choose "Legal" from the top navigation bar and choose a subcategory such as Federal & State Cases, Federal & State Code, etc. from the "Legal Searches" menu at right. Information in the database is full-text.

Where do I look to find information published by departments or agencies of the U.S. Government?

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If I already know a journal or magazine title, how can I tell if it is full-text in one of the library's electronic resources?

[Electronic & Print Journals by Title](#)

This is an alphabetical listing of the full-text journals available through Shapiro Library Electronic Resources and print journals available within the Periodicals Department of the Library. E-Journals listed here are linked to the respective databases in which they may be searched. Database can be searched by journal title or keyword.

How do I request books or articles that are not at Shapiro Library or in the Electronic Resources?

[Interlibrary Loan](#)

Interlibrary Loan is a service, which allows currently enrolled SNHU students and faculty to obtain books or articles not owned by the Shapiro Library. Interlibrary Loan requests may be made online.

Can I obtain reference assistance when I am not on campus?

Reference@snhu.edu

Assistance from professional librarians is available at the reference desk by calling 603-668-2211 ext. 2161 or by sending an e-mail to reference@snhu.edu . A librarian will respond to your question within 24 hours.

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