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How Do I...? Flash Movies on the Eiche Library home page
Hours: Monday-Thursday 8am-11pm Saturday 12pm-5pm
Friday 8am-5pm Sunday 3pm-11pm



Why come to the library?

-  Enjoy quiet study and group meeting spaces in a variety of settings including casual open areas, study carrels, and study/meeting rooms with whiteboards.
 -  Access over 70,000 titles on campus; a combined total of 4.7 million titles at all campus libraries.
 -  Use of our computers for academic and research needs.
 -  Help with research and navigating the library's resources.
 -  Relax between classes! Browse newspapers and popular magazines.
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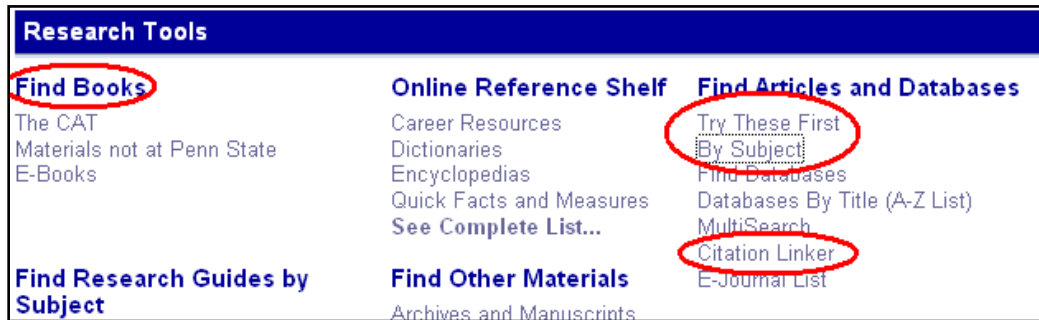
Research Resources

LIAS (Library Information Access System) - combination of all electronic databases and services available from Penn State's Libraries [<http://www.libraries.psu.edu>]

The CAT – Penn State's library catalog [link from <http://www.libraries.psu.edu>]

Here you can find descriptions for books, journal titles, and other items, but not the contents of individual issues of journals and other serial publications. Click on  for more information or contact us at the library for help. Use the  button to request materials from other campuses. Available items will be sent to the location you designate (usually "Penn State Altoona") and may be available within 2-3 days. If all copies of the item are currently checked out, it may take 1-2 weeks for the item to arrive.

PSU Libraries Research Tools – The Libraries’ homepage has a variety of tools to help you locate books and articles on your topic [<http://www.libraries.psu.edu>]



“Try These First” suggests some good, general databases to begin your search for journal, magazine and newspaper articles.

“Find Articles and Databases > By Subject” suggests general or subject-specific databases related to the subject area of your research.

“Citation Linker” is useful if you know the specific journal, magazine or newspaper you are looking for and want to know where it may be indexed and if it is available full-text at Penn State. Also useful for locating the full-text of a specific article when you have the citation.

ILLiad – Interlibrary Loan management [<https://ill.libraries.psu.edu>]

Request articles from publications not available at Penn State Altoona or books NOT available at ANY PENN STATE campus. Follow the directions to be sure the material you need is not available through The CAT, PALCI, or in an E-Journal (links will help you), and then log in using your PSU Access ID and password. In addition to making and managing your requests, you may also view your request history. Books and articles usually come within one to two weeks and you may be granted limited electronic access to articles.

Services Available From The CAT

There are a variety of services available to you in LIAS and most of them are accessible in a variety of ways. Links from the within The CAT bring these together in one place.

Course Reserves – your instructor’s electronic course reserves [available through The CAT, linked from <http://www.libraries.psu.edu>] For assistance, go to <http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/reserve/> or contact us at the library. Ask at the Circulation Desk in Eiche Library for course reserve items not available electronically. Not all instructors will use the course reserve service.

My Library Account – lists the books you have checked out and other details of your library account [available through The CAT, linked from <http://www.libraries.psu.edu>] See <http://www.lias.psu.edu/tas/lending> for more information.