

Introduction to Library Research: Instruction Video

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The Indiana University Libraries have produced a video that will provide a step-by-step guide to locating periodical articles using electronic indexes. The intended audience is the beginning researcher; whether in an academic, public, or school library setting. The video will be especially useful to undergraduate and graduate students as an introduction or a review, and to public and school library users who are researching topics. An experienced instruction librarian uses graphics and other visual support to take the viewer through the process of performing library research. She explains how to:

- Plan a search
- Perform a search
- Locate articles
- Evaluate results

The video may be used:

- By librarians
- By faculty in a classroom setting
- By individual researchers or users, as a stand alone instructional tool

The package includes an easy to understand thirty-minute VHS video and a supplemental materials packet. The materials packet contains detailed information on the processes involved in searching electronic periodical indexes. That information also serves as a document that users can keep and refer to in the future. Practice exercises included are designed to be used along with the video and will help users retain the information they learn.

The advantage of a video is that it may be watched at the viewer's convenience, and parts of it may be revisited at any time. Thus it can be especially useful as a review before embarking on research projects. *Introduction to Library Research* will be available in the winter of 1997. More information may be obtained beforehand by writing the Library Enterprise Office, C-2 Main Library, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405.