THE MABEE-SIMPSON LIBRARY SITE

To follow these directions, access the library @ library.lyon.edu

Through the library website, you have access to information about sources located in 3 general locations:

1) Sources that physically exist in the library, such as books, journals, videos.

Click on “The Mabee-Simpson Library's Catalog” to go directly to the library's own catalog or use the search box. See what books the library has on your author/subject. For journal articles in the library's print holdings, follow directions in 2.

2) Published sources accessible on line through databases to which Lyon subscribes: books, and journal and newspaper articles.

a) Click on the “Articles” tab. Try your search first in “Proquest.” If that doesn't find anything, then click on the Categories link. The databases listed in the top box are multi-subject, comprehensive databases. Try your search terms in any of them that seem appropriate.

b) While in the Categories page, click on the blue "A-Z Online Resources" tab near the top. This will direct you to an alphabetical list of all the databases available through the library. Scroll through the list, and plug your search terms into any or all of the databases that seem appropriate to your topic.

c) For secondary sources, back on the "A-Z Online Resources" page, click on “M” and then on "MLA" (the Modern Language Association's International Bibliography--the best index for secondary sources on your story).

d) For primary sources on historical topics, try the "New York Times Historical" database (under "N").
e) Back again at "A-Z Online Resources," click on the blue "Journals A-Z" tab to find, by alphabetical arrangement, all the journals to which the library subscribes. Enter the name of the journal you are seeking, or even try entering the name of a topic (e.g. "criminology"); we might just have a journal with that name!

f) For online books, go back to Library.lyon.edu, click on the tab at the top of the page: “Books” and then on the blue "E-books" tab. Also try "Google Books" for much older editions that are now public domain and free online.

3) Sources identified through on-line databases, but which our library does not own or subscribe to: books, journal articles.

When you find one of these that you need, you order it through ILL (interlibrary loan). In "Discovery" find the book or article you want, and follow the instructions online to order. All you want to know about borrowing can be found at: http://libguides.lyon.edu/borrow

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4) Try Google Scholar! This is a database of scholarly articles that connects to the Lyon College Library’s own collection, thereby making it easier for you to access.