

Transcript: UNB Libraries' Research Guides

In this video, you will learn how to:

- locate UNB Libraries' research guides,
- identify library subject specialists, and
- find key resources in a subject area:
 - reference resources,
 - books, and
 - article databases for peer-reviewed journal articles.

UNB Libraries' **research guides** are a great resource when doing research in particular subject areas.

Since UNB Libraries provide many options for resources, it can be difficult to know where to start looking or which resources to use. The research guides provide you with options relevant to your subject area, making research a little bit easier.

Listed alphabetically under "Research by Subject" on the library's homepage, you will find guides for most subject areas, such as Business & Management, History, Nursing & Health Sciences, and more.

There are also other helpful guides, such as English Learning Resources, a guide for using Zotero (a bibliographic citation management tool), and a guide for Academic Apps. To access the complete list of our guides, go to "All Research Guides."

Let's explore what you'll find in the Research Guides ...

When you click on a subject area, you are taken to a landing page with options.

On the left, there are links to detailed guides in the subject area. For instance, the Business & Management landing page provides links to detailed guides for Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Marketing, and more. You will also see links to speciality guides, such as this guide to patents.

On the landing page of the History research guide, you will find links to detailed guides for Asian History, Canadian History, and Military History, among others. There are also links to particular course guides, when available. The speciality guides on the History landing page include various guides to different themes in the Loyalist Collection.

Likewise, the landing page for the Nursing & Health Sciences research guide has a link to the NCLEX, which provides information about the National Council Licensure Examination for nurses.

The landing pages also provide quick access to some of the top resources: article & research databases as well as print and electronic reference materials. These resources are noted again in the research guide.

You can click on the question marks beside the resource titles to get more information.

There is also contact information for the **subject specialists** noted on the right.

Now let's examine the guides more closely ...

All the research guides have tabs to help direct you to different resources for your research. They consistently note the best reference tools and databases for researching in a specific field of study.

The "Encyclopedias, etc." tab is a great place to start your research. **Reference sources** will give you overviews of your subject, define terms, and help you frame your topic.

The "Find books" tab is where you will want to continue your research as books provide more in-depth information on your topic. This tab notes the call number range for the subject area to help you browse the book shelves.

The "Find articles" tab lists databases where you can find **peer-reviewed** articles and useful journal titles in your subject area. Peer-reviewed sources are the most reliable, credible, and trustworthy because they have been assessed by experts in the field.

Although the guides provide access to databases, reference sources, and books, they also offer specialised information for each area of study. For instance, the Business guide has a tab for "Key databases & journals," and "Reference tools," but it also has a tab for "Business plans" and a tab for useful internet sites.

The History guide begins with an "Introduction" tab that offers suggestions for researching new topic areas. It also offers a tab that explains and facilitates researching **primary sources**.

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If you have any questions about the resources or about your research, contact the subject specialist noted in the guide or talk to us via the chat widget on the library's web page, visit your library's Research Help Desk or Service Desk, or go to our research help page located under the "Help" tab (www.lib.unb.ca/research/). This page is full of research tips and includes links to useful videos.