

Weekly Readings and Resource Schedule
INFO510: Information Sources and Services
Dr. Marti Smith
Spring, 2005

For Week 2

During the first three weeks you may want to skim over the readings and resources quickly at first so that you can see the big pictures. Then go back and start mastering the details. This material has to grow on you. It won't jump into your head the first, second, or third time.

- ◆ Walker and Janes: Chapters 1 – 4 and p. 282-285 (required textbook)
- ◆ Virginia Commonwealth University Libraries. "Reference Interview."
(<http://www.library.vcu.edu/help/train/>)

Look this site over and try some of the links. They provide an interesting approach to the process, as well as a helpful bibliography.

- ◆ Hagerty Library, Drexel University. "Getting Started on Research."
(<http://www.library.drexel.edu/research/tutorials/research/research.html>)

Hagerty has created a marvelous online tutorial to help patrons with the research process.

- ◆ **Optional**
 - ◆ Hawaii State Public Library System. "Miscommunications in Libraries."
(<http://home.hawaii.rr.com/kingcharles/Library/mis-lib.htm>)
 - ◆ Some *very* interesting exchanges to read about. Decide for yourself which ones you think are real gems.
 - ◆ Dervin, Brenda and Patricia Dewdney. "Neutral Questioning: A New Approach to the Reference Interview." *Reference Quarterly*, 25:506-513.
 - ◆ The above article is available in **Course Reserves** at Hagerty Library, listed under **INFO510** (instructor: Hughes-Hassell), "INFO 510 Electronic Reserves."
-

For Week 3

- ◆ Walker and Janes: **Chapter 5** (*required* textbook)

- ◆ Bates, Marcia. 1988. "How to use controlled vocabularies more effectively in online searching." *Online*, 12(6):45-56.
- ◆ Now is the time to begin learning how to search for articles you need to get your hands on. Let's use the above article for our first try.
- ◆ Go to the Hagerty Library home page.
- ◆ On the right side, we see a **Journal** search window. Type in: **online** and then click on **Search**. We know the name of the journal based on the above citation.
- ◆ We get a list of results for several different journal titles that contain the word "online." We're interested in the second one that's just simply called "Online."
- ◆ Under the blue SFX button, we see a list of databases that provide us with what is called "full-text access" to this journal. This means we can get an electronic copy of articles we need from the journal we are interested in. Full-text journals are also known as "e-journals."
- ◆ Click on the **SFX** button.
- ◆ Click on one of the databases. But make SURE to note which databases go back far enough because our article is from **1988**.
- ◆ Find the year and issue that we need and click on that link.
- ◆ Find the article and then click on the PDF file to open up the article on your computer. Voila!

Optional

- ◆ "The Reference Interview"—another site to review for some good comments and suggestions.

http://web.utk.edu/~wrobinso/590ref_interview.html

Readings for Week 4

REQUIRED

- Tenopir, Carol. (2001). Why I Still Teach Dialog. *Library Journal* 126:36-38.
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/index.asp?layout=article&articleid=CA73153&display=Online%2BDbsNewsMore&industry=Online%2BDbs&verticalid=151&starting=21>

Some of you may wonder why we're searching Dialog. You may cross paths with some librarians who no longer use it or have *never* used it. Read this article by the noted leader of database searching in the nation to better understand why we are learning about Dialog.

- Walker and Janes: Chapters **6** and **7** (required textbook)
- **Dialog Pocket Guide** : p. 3-6
(listed under Handouts/Books → Dialog Materials)

Save the above 80 page PDF file to your hard drive.

- Make sure that as you work on your practice searches and this week's assignment, **always** check out the **Bluesheets** for each database you use. Once again, you'll find the bluesheets listed under Handouts/Books → Dialog Materials.
-