
Try following these steps to track down useful sources. As you find sources, consider the issues covered in the Sam Houston Academic Success handout Evaluating Sources. Most of the information found through the library and its databases should be authoritative and useable in an academic setting.

Getting Started

The Newton Gresham Library (NGL) has a multitude of resources already in place to aid students in their research. The Academic Success Center encourages all students to take full advantage of every tool the Newton Gresham Library (NGL) offers.

In regards to finding articles and source material for essays, utilizing the NGL's search engines and database is most convenient.

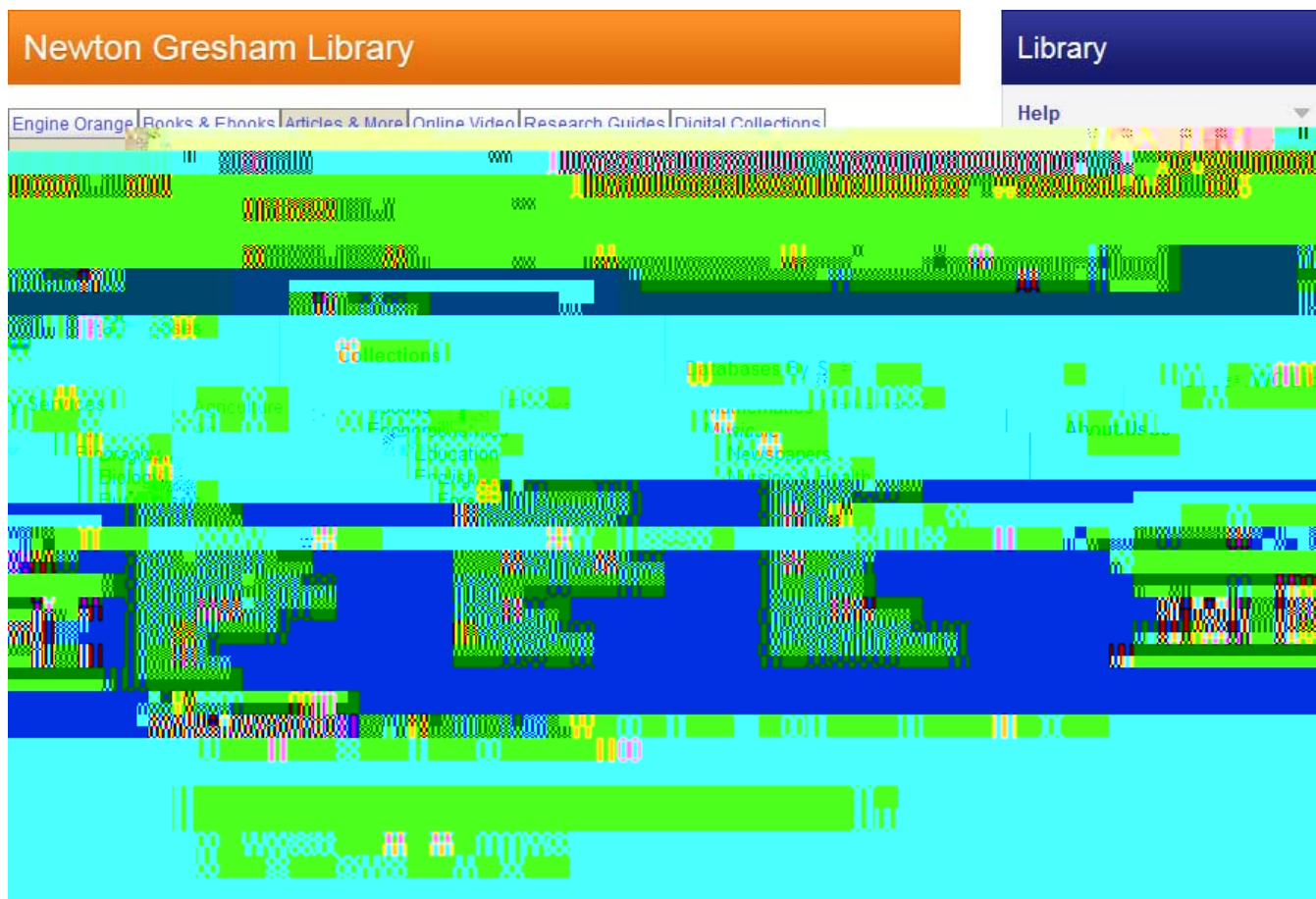
Searching

First: go to the library's homepage here: <http://library.shsu.edu>

One option: NGL's Engine Orange. Engine Orange will search the Library's catalog and holdings as well as a large number of databases across disciplines. The search will return books, e-books, articles, documents, films, CDs, etc. For a detailed explanation of all of Engine Orange's capabilities, visit: <http://shsulibraryguides.org/engineorange>

Another option is to search databases within a specific scope of content, such as History, English, or Forensic Science. To do this, click on the “Articles & More” tab, and select a subject area from the dropdown menu or the list below.

The resulting list will be databases that focus only on the desired subject. The list will also offer brief explanations of the contents in each database and provide a link to the respective search engine.



Finally, students may also search using Google Scholar. Google Scholar is a broad, multidiscipline search engine that searches websites, libraries, universities, databases and more for scholarly literature. The search will return articles, theses, books, court opinions, abstracts, films, etc. It is recommended that you use Google Scholar while on campus or connected to the campus via remote access. When logged in via an internet connection on campus, Google Scholar will automatically show sources from databases you have access to as an SHSU student. For more on Google Scholar see:

<http://scholar.google.com/intl/en/scholar/about.html>

For more individualized assistance, go to the library yourself and talk with a reference librarian. The staff at the NGL are happy to help you with your research and can introduce you to many additional resources to locate print sources, such as WorldCat, or assist you with interlibrary loan for books the NGL does not have.