

# SuperSearch

Use SuperSearch to find articles, books, ebooks, dissertations, videos, streaming videos, and assessment tests. It's super easy!

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## Accessing SuperSearch

1. Go to Twin Cities Library's homepage: [www.smumn.edu/tclibrary](http://www.smumn.edu/tclibrary)
2. Enter search terms into the SuperSearch box in the middle of the homepage.
3. Select the Search button.
4. Log in with your Saint Mary's username and password (off-campus only).

## Searching SuperSearch

### Research Starters

Don't know much about your topic and can't use Wikipedia for your assignment? Use SuperSearch Research Starters! Research Starters are comprehensive overviews of common topics written by experts.

Find Research Starters by entering general search terms (e.g., "global warming"). If a Research Starter is available on your topic, it will appear at the top of your search results.

### Search Terms

- Type in a topic, concept, or place. Simple is better.
- Add relevant words if you get too many results.
- Use words that experts or practitioners would use.
- Use only the most important words, rather than a full question or sentence.

## Search Tips

- Use the radio buttons under the search box to find a specific title or author.
- Use Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) and parentheses for more relevant results.  
Note: SuperSearch automatically adds AND between each word or phrase.
- Access Advanced Search on Twin Cities Library's homepage (right of searchbox).
- Use Advanced Search to organize your topic ideas into separate search boxes, search specific database fields, and limit by publication date.

## Refining Results

Use the limiters in the left sidebar to either narrow your search for fewer results or to expand your search for more results. Refining options include:

- Peer-Reviewed Articles
- Books and DVDs (items in the library)
- Publication Date
- Type of Resource (e. g., book, newspaper article)
- Full Text (uncheck this box to discover and request resources from other libraries)

## Citing Resources

Get APA and AMA references for SuperSearch resources.

1. Select the title of the item.
2. Select Cite in the toolbar menu on the right sidebar.
3. Copy and paste the reference into your paper.
4. Check the citation for APA formatting.

## Saving Resources

Store, organize, access, and share SuperSearch resources with your SuperSearch account.

### Creating Accounts

1. Select Sign In in the top right side of the SuperSearch screen.
2. Select Create a New Account.
3. Fill out the form.
4. Select Save Changes.

### Benefits of SuperSearch Accounts

Access your research from any device, save, organize, and take notes on your research.

## Getting Help

Get instant help by chatting with a librarian online. Select the Chat Now image on the results page. Send us a message, and get expert help instantly!