Research on the MVCC Libraries Website

Steps to Find Professor Riordan’s EN 099 Course Guide

1. **Go to the MVCC Libraries website**
   - You can either type mvcc.edu/library in the web browser’s address bar and press Enter, or from the MVCC homepage click on “Current Students” and then the Libraries shortcut button located next to the Tutor button.

2. Once on the MVCC Libraries website, **click on Research Guides**.

3. From Research Guides, **click the drop-down arrow under Fall 2018 Course Guides** to choose a course. Select **English Courses**. Click **Go**.

4. Hover your mouse over **EN 099** and click **V. Riordan**. Here you will find a collection of library databases, the instructor’s handout on your assignment, a guide to cite sources, and my contact information.
Library Databases

MVCC Libraries subscribes to over a hundred different databases containing millions of sources. The research guide will connect you to select databases that hold information most relevant to your class assignment.

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- Once you have decided on a database, click the database’s title to start searching for articles.
- Once you are in the database, enter the topic into the search box.

**Tip!** Don’t focus your search on just one database. Different databases are going to provide access to different sources. If you use only one database, you are missing out on a lot of good information that will help your research.
Finding Sources with *Opposing Viewpoints in Context*

1. Type your keywords in the search box.
2. Click the search button.
3. A list of sources will appear, organized by source type. If no results appear, check your spelling or change your search terms.
4. Scroll through your results. To see the full list of results for a particular source type, click on the respective heading.
5. To view the full article, click on the article title and then the Download link under Tools.
Finding Books in the MVCC Libraries’ Collection

1. Go to MVCC Libraries’ online catalog (from mvcc.edu/library, click on Library Catalog). There is also a catalog search box inside your course guide.

2. Enter search terms in the search box.

3. The results page will appear with a list of books located in either the Utica or Rome campus library. If you find a book that you want and it is located at the Utica campus library, go to the Circulation Desk and request it be sent to the Rome campus library. The book will usually arrive in two business days.

To locate a book in the library, write down the call number and title. The call number is the address of the item on the shelf. A librarian is always happy to help you locate books. The Copies Owned/Out column will tell you if someone else has the item checked out and which campus library owns it.

Number of books your search produced - If there are too many records, try an advanced search to add more search terms and narrow the results.

Click to do an advanced search

Find out if the Utica or Rome campus library owns the book, and if it’s on the shelf.

(1/1) Means someone has the only copy checked out.

(1/0) Means one copy is owned and it’s on the shelf.

Call number - Book’s location in the library