

# Research Guide For Construction Management

The Library provides resources to support the Construction Management Program. This guide is meant to help students effectively use those resources.

## Library Website

The **Library HomePage** acts as a menu to library resources and other useful information. It can be found at: <http://www.jalc.edu/lrc/library/>. It includes links to library resources as well as links to library services and assistance in writing, reference list creation, and to e-mail and chat reference services.

## Books

The **Library Catalog** includes the holdings (books and videos) of John A. Logan College Library and the Media Distribution Center as well as the holdings of other libraries in the Shawnee Library System consortium. It can be reached from the **Library HomePage**. **Search tips:** Start with a keyword search. When you find an interesting book, look at the subject headings in the record. By selecting any one of those subject links, you can refine your search to include all books with that particular subject heading. **Examples of keywords for Construction Management:**

**Construction**

**Building**

**Contractors**

You can check on due dates and renew materials from within the catalog by clicking on “my account”, logging in using your barcode and PIN, and viewing/selecting items within your account.

**Browsing:** You can also browse the shelves at the library. The books in the library are organized by the Library of Congress Classification system which uses letters and numbers as a code for a subject. This code is referred to as the call number. The following LC classes will be helpful to you: **HD 1361 – 1395.5 for Real Estate Business; HD 9715 – 9717.5 for Construction Industry; NA 4100 – 8480 for Architecture – Special Classes of Buildings; and TH for Building Construction.** Books on **Construction Management** can be found at **HD 9715** and **TH 438**. You can browse those shelves for additional books. Construction Management books are shelved in the reference collection as well as the circulating collection. Some reference titles, along with their call numbers, that might be useful are:

**Architectural Design Data: Ref TH 151 T55**

**Code Check Complete: Ref TH 439 K47**

**Construction Materials; Types, Uses, and Applications: Ref TA 403 H59**

**Means Illustrated Construction Dictionary: Ref TM 9 M4**

**National Electrical Code Handbook: Ref TK 260 N2**

**Oxford Dictionary of Business and Management: Ref HF 1001 C63**

**Routledge Dictionary of Business Management: Ref HD 30.15 S73**

**Sweet's Directory of Construction's Product Marketplace: Ref TH 455 S78**

**The Way Things Work: Ref T 47 W3913**

### **Borrowing from other Libraries**

As part of the Shawnee Library System, you may request material from other libraries in the system. Depending on availability, items usually are delivered within three days. If you do not find what you are looking for in the Shawnee Library System or through our Online Databases you can search the catalogs of other libraries. To request materials from outside the Shawnee Library System, use the request forms in "Borrowing from other Libraries" from the Library HomePage. Depending on the location of the lending library, this may take longer to obtain so plan accordingly. Please ask a Librarian for assistance if you need help.

### **eBooks**

**NetLibrary** is a searchable database of eBooks (digital electronic books) covering a wide variety of subject areas including a few books on construction management. You must come into the library to set up an account in NetLibrary before you can access the eBooks from off-campus.

**Credo Reference** contains dictionaries, bilingual dictionaries, thesauri, encyclopedias, quotations, and atlases, plus a wide range of subject-specific titles covering every subject including construction, building, and architecture.

### **Databases**

**Finding Articles:** Use periodical indexes and databases to locate articles, reports, and other documents on your topic. Most of these resources provide full-text articles, which you can print, save, or e-mail. We also have print subscriptions to some magazines and journals that aren't available electronically. If an article you need is not available at the John A. Logan Library in either print or electronic format, you can request the article

from another library through Interlibrary Loan either at the Circulation Desk or using the forms found on the library's website by clicking on "**Borrowing from other Libraries**".

From the Library's HomePage, choose **Databases by Subject** and scroll down to **Social Sciences**. Access outside the library requires IDs and Passwords. They can be obtained from the circulation desk or the reference desk each semester. These databases represent the most useful for research in Construction Management:

**Academic Search Complete** is a large multi-disciplinary database that provides full text for more than 7,100 journals, including full text for more than 6,100 peer-reviewed titles. Indexing is provided for over 11,000 journals and other publications. PDF backfiles to 1887 are available.

**Business Source Elite** provides full text for nearly 1,100 business publications, including full text for nearly 500 peer-reviewed business publications.

**NewsBank** provides unique coverage of local and regional news, including news about particular construction projects, companies, politics, industries, cultural activities, and people in the community, as well as a distinctive focus offering a variety of viewpoints on local and world issues

**Regional Business News** provides comprehensive full text coverage for regional business publications incorporating coverage of 75 business journals, newspapers and newswires from all metropolitan and rural areas within the United States.

## **Construction Management Websites**

Information on careers in the field as well as information on the latest research or news in the field can be found in websites. The Internet can be a valuable source for supplementing the information you have gathered from books and periodicals. It is important that you evaluate the information you get from the Internet to determine if it is reliable and useful to your research. The sites that follow represent only a few of those that are available.

## **Construction Management Associations**

**Construction Management Association of America** <http://cmaanet.org/>

**Associated Business Contractors** <http://www.abc.org/>

**Associated General Contractors of America** <http://www.agc.org/>

**American Subcontractors Association** <https://www.asaonline.com/eweb/>

**National Association of Women in Construction** <http://www.nawic.org/nawic/>

## Construction Management Resources

Bureau of Labor Statistics Info <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos005.htm>

ConstructionRisk.com <http://www.constructionrisk.com/>

The Internet Directory for Specified Construction Products  
<http://www.4specs.com/>

Thomas Register of American manufacturing <http://www.thomasnet.com/>

U.S Dept. of Labor Occupational Safety & Health Administration  
<http://www.osha.gov/index.html>

## Selected Journals with Full-Text Content

CM Advisor <http://cmaanet.org/cm-advisor>

CMAA Newslite <http://cmaanet.org/cmaa-newsline>

## Metasites Developed by other Libraries/Associations

Construction Web Links <http://www.constructionweblinks.com/>

Construction Engineering Technology and Construction Management Research  
Guide <http://library.pittstate.edu/ktc/resources/construction.html>

## Guides and tutorials

The Library has a range of research guides that will help with searching resources, writing papers, and with references. They can be found by linking to **Research Guides** on the library's HomePage.