

Sustainability Research Guide

The Library provides resources to support research on Sustainability. 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, to assistance in writing and 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:**

Sustainab* (truncation symbol* retrieves all terms beginning with Sustainab, e.g. Sustainable, Sustainability)	
Simplicity	Consumption
Ecology	Green Movement
Environment*	Lifestyles
Recycling	Conservation

Once in a record, look at the subject headings assigned and link to other works that have the same heading. For example, Sustainable Development will be one of the subject headings located when searching Sustainab* as a subject keyword. Once you have a list of titles, you can limit the results to those items owned by John A. Logan Library by choosing "John A. Logan" from the "Limit by" pulldown menu in the upper right of the screen. Choose "my account" from the top toolbar to check on due dates and renew materials from within the catalog.

Browsing: You can also browse the shelves at the library. The books in the library are organized by the Library of Congress Classification (LC) 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: **GE – for Environmental Sciences, GF – for Human Ecology, HC – for Economic History and Conditions (especially HC 79 - Sustainable Development and Environmental Economics), HD 72-88 – for Economic Growth, Development, and Planning, TD – for Environmental**

Technology, and TH – for Building Construction. You can browse those shelves for books on similar topics.

Sustainability books are shelved in the reference collection as well as the circulating collection and those can easily be browsed since it is a much smaller collection than the circulating collection.

Borrowing from other Libraries

As part of the Shawnee Library System, you may request material from other libraries in the consortium by selecting “Request Item” from within the record of a title needed. 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 and request materials from the using the forms available at the circulations desk or on the Library Webpage. Please ask a Librarian for assistance if you need help.

eBooks

NetLibrary is a searchable database of eBooks covering a wide variety of subject areas including many books on sustainability topics. Before accessing from outside the library, a username and password must be set up within the database from inside the library.

Credo Reference contains dictionaries, bilingual dictionaries, thesauri, encyclopedias, quotations and atlases, plus a wide range of subject-specific titles covering every topic.

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.

From the Library's homepage, choose **Databases in Alphabetical Order**. Access outside the library requires IDs and Passwords. They can be obtained from the circulation desk each semester. These databases represent the most useful for research on Sustainability:

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.

CQ Researcher covers the most current and controversial issues of the day with complete summaries, the pros and cons, bibliographies and more. Coverage is from 1923-present.

Facts on File includes primary source documents, timelines, maps, charts, graphs, statistical tables with context and perspective, Pro and Con statements, editorial cartoons, newspaper editorials, historic photographs, and a “Need a Research Topic?” offering summaries of suggested research topics, each with a linked list of articles

HealthSource, Consumer Edition provides information on many health topics including the medical sciences, food sciences and nutrition, childcare, sports medicine and general health with access to nearly 80 full text, consumer health magazines.

Military and Government database is designed to offer current news pertaining to all branches of the military and government. The *Military & Government Collection* provides cover-to-cover full text for nearly 300 journals and periodicals and indexing and abstracts for nearly 400 titles.

NewsBank provides full text coverage of newspapers, journals, and also provides special reports on high profile topics. Specific searchable sources include **The Southern Illinoisan, The Chicago Tribune, and The New York Times.**

Newspaper Source provides cover-to-cover full text for 35 national & international newspapers. The database also contains selective full text for 375 regional (U.S.) newspapers. In addition, full text television & radio news transcripts are provided.

Opposing Viewpoints provides reports in a uniform format on sustainability issues along with journal articles, statistics, reference sources, and links to appropriate websites.

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

Wall Street Journal - full text of the nation’s premier business daily newspaper.

Sustainability 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.

Associations

American Institute of Architects Sustainability:

<http://www.aia.org/practicing/groups/kc/AIAS077433>

ASHRAE; Engineering for Sustainability:

<http://www.engineeringforsustainability.org>

Association for the Advancement of Sustainability on College Campuses:

<http://www.aashe.org/>

Center for Sustainable Innovation: <http://www.sustainableinnovation.org/>

Ecological Society of America: <http://www.esa.org/>

Global Ecovillage Network: <http://www.ecovillage.org/>

Institute for Local Self-Reliance: <http://www.ilsr.org/>

Institute for Sustainable Communities: <http://www.iscvt.org/>

National Environmental Health Association: <http://www.neha.org/index.shtml>

Sustainable Ecosystems Institute: <http://www.sei.org/index.html>

Sustainability Resources

Alternative Farming Systems Information Center (USDA):

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/pubs/agnic/susag.shtml>

Bioneers: <http://www.bioneers.org/>

Cloud Institute for Sustainability Education: <http://www.sustainabilityed.org/>

Conservation/Economy: <http://www.conservationeconomy.net/>

Earth Charter Initiative: <http://www.earthcharterinaction.org/content/>

Environmental Career Opportunities: www.ecojobs.com

Environmental Protection Agency Sustainability Resources:
<http://www.epa.gov/sustainability/>

Gaia Trust: <http://www.gaia.org/gaia/>

Intentional Communities: <http://www.ic.org/>

Learning for Sustainability: <http://learningforsustainability.net/>

National Environmental Health Association Sustainability Resources:
<http://www.neha.org/sustainability/index.html>

Natural Step: <http://www.naturalstep.org/>

New Rules Project: <http://www.newrules.org/>

New Urbanism – Creating Livable Sustainable Communities:
<http://www.newurbanism.org/newurbanism.html>

PermaCulture Activist: <http://www.permacultureactivist.net/>

Rocky Mountain Institute: <http://www.rmi.org/>

Simple Living Network: <http://www.simpleliving.net/main/>

WorldWatch Institute: <http://www.worldwatch.org/>

Selected Full Text Journals/Newsletters

Ecology and Society: <http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/index.php>

Environmental Science and Technology: <http://pubs.acs.org/journal/esthag>

Journal of Sustainability: <http://journalofsustainability.com/>

Orion Magazine: <http://www.orionmagazine.org/>

Simple Living News: <http://www.simpleliving.net/news/>

Solutions Journal and Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Institute:
<http://www.rmi.org/rmi/Library>

Sustainability; Science, Practice & Policy: <http://ejournal.nbii.org>

Yes: <http://www.yesmagazine.org/default.asp>

Metasites Developed by Other Libraries/Associations

Northeastern University Libraries:

<http://subjectguides.lib.neu.edu/content.php?pid=23710&sid=170556>

Soka University of America Library:

<http://ikedalibrary.soka.edu/sustainability.html>

University of Massachusetts Libraries:

<http://guides.library.umass.edu/content.php?pid=17059&sid=115286>

University of Nevada, Las Vegas Libraries:

<http://guides.library.unlv.edu/sustainability> and

<http://guides.library.unlv.edu/content.php?pid=10722>

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.