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Library Treasure Hunt

Although the library has many wonderful resources available electronically, there are some resources that can only be found by making a trip to the “bricks and mortar” we call the library. This activity is designed to acquaint you with just a few of the resources you might find most useful.



The library sells copy cards in a machine on the main floor. You will probably want to buy one and charge it up with a few dollars to make completing this exercise more convenient.

Some of the tasks in this activity are questions to be answered. Some of the treasures you find should be attached to this page and turned in next class. Work smart. Make these artifacts relevant to your own research interests – which should differ from the interests of your classmates. You’ll get everything back.

1. The *Review of Educational Research* is a prestigious journal published by the AERA. Find a literature review on a subject of interest to you. It should have been published in the RER within the last 10 years. Copy the literature review (you’ll use it for another assignment in a week or two) and the Table of Contents from the RER in which the literature review was published. Highlight the review you selected in the list and attach the copy of the Table of Contents to this paper. You’ll turn this in next week. Hang on to the literature review for now.

2. Look for the Mental Measurements Yearbook. Identify a test you might use in your own research. Copy the description of that test and attach it to this document.

3. Find “The Bibliographic Index: A Cumulative Bibliography of Bibliographies.” This amazing resource generates about 15,000 citations each year. Each cited book or article has 50+ citations on a given topic. If you get stuck looking for information on your chosen topic, this is a goldmine! Copy at least one page of citations in your area of interest and attach it to this document.

4. Find the ERIC microfiche. How many drawers does this resource occupy? _____
I know this is a trivia question. I just want you to know where to find the microfiche when you need it.

5. Locate the Interlibrary Loan Office. (Don’t go in and bother them!) I just want you to know where the office is located so you can find it when you use ILL. What does the sign on their door say?

6. I deliberately kept this exercise short. Please use another hour or two of your time to start looking for additional references to use in your project and throughout the course. A good place to start might be to find the shelf copies of the leading journals in your field. Look through the Tables of Contents for the last several years. Flip to articles that interest you. Did you find anything that captures your interest? Maybe a special focus on an important trend? Use the back of this page to describe what you found when doing this. Then start working on your project!