Transcript for video introduction to the “Sparks Grant” Research LibGuide

Video is 4:24 minutes long

[On the screen: ENGL& 102 Canvas course]

Hi there, I’m Jennifer Snoek-Brown, a librarian at your TCC Library, and this video is to introduce a library guide I created for Sopang Men’s ENGL 102 class and the Sparks Grant research project. The point of this library guide is to a kind of “one stop” starting point for research in this class, where I've pulled in resources, tools, links, screenshots, and tips for how to get started finding, using, and citing resources for this project.

A quick way to get to your class library guide is to start in your Canvas course and scroll down to the Sparks Grant Project module; the guide is titled “Sparks Grant LibGuide.” “LibGuide” is short for “library guide.”

[On the screen: “Home” page of ENGL 102 Sopang Men libguide]

When you click through to see the guide, you can see the home page of the guide. My picture is here on the right side, so you can connect what I look like with what I sound like on this video. There’s information here for how to contact me, and also a link for chat reference help available 24/7. When your TCC library is closed, you can still get reference help from librarians across the state.

[On the screen: Help page of the ENGL 102 libguide]

There’s also a help page here along the top navigation tabs, where you can reach out to my librarian colleagues by email, phone, and again by chat, or come by the library in Building 7 in person.

[On the screen: “Tips for evaluating sources” page of the ENGL 102 libguide]

Some of the pages in this guide are more general in nature, like the “Tips for evaluating sources” page. Here, you have general tips, red flags, and a video tutorial for how to evaluate potential sources that you might use in your research.

[On the screen: “Research starting points” page of the ENGL 102 libguide]

The “Research starting points” page is another general page that highlights a few of our library research databases which tend to be good starting points to find articles; the databases on this page have articles on many different topics across the curriculum. But these are not your only
library database options, and I’ve put a link to our complete list of TCC Library Research Databases in the top content box on this page.

Please note that if you are off campus or haven’t logged into the portal, then you may have to sign in these databases. If a log-in screen appears, then use the same username and password you use for the portal to log-in to our databases.

I also wanted to point out that several content boxes on this guide have sub-tabs, or internal tabs, with extra info. For example, this content box for “Finding encyclopedia and background articles in GVRL” has sub-tabs for a database video tutorial and searching tips, etc.

[On the screen: “Cited reference searching” page of the ENGL 102 libguide]

The “Cited reference searching” page on this guide is useful for when you already know the exact article you want to get a copy of, and you want to see if the TCC Library has access to the full text of that article. This is useful for when you find a citation for a source like in the References section at the bottom of a Wikipedia article or when you try to read an article via Google, and there’s a pay wall that stops you from reading the entire article.

[On the screen: Tabs for “Searching for statistics” and “Searching for non-profits and government programs”]

In subsequent videos, I will go in-depth about the resources on the “Searching for statistics” and “Searching for non-profits and government programs” tabs of this guide, so I won’t go into them now in this video. We will also go over how to search for multimedia OER at a later point this quarter.

[On the screen: “APA citation help” tab of the ENGL 102 libguide]

I have also added shortcuts on this guide to APA and MLA citation help pages, which have videos, handouts, and examples to help you cite sources.

And one last note – you might notice that some of these tabs, like the “APA citation help” tab, have little grey arrows beside the title. This indicates that clicking on these tabs will open up a new tab or window – so that you don’t lose the class libguide you’re on!

I hope this helps you know what to expect what’s on your very own ENGL 102 libguide, and how to use it as a starting point for research for projects in this course. And remember, if you have questions, ask a librarian!