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Pro & Con: How to Find Information about Current Problems

Many electronic resources are now available off-campus to registered students. Ask the reference librarian for assistance.

Online Catalog

Use to find *books* and *media* in the Hartnell College Library. Available from the library's web page, and accessible from all the computers in the library. Search by subject, keyword, title, author and more.

CQ Researcher

Weekly publication providing comprehensive, balanced coverage of current topics in the news. A special feature includes knowledgeable experts presenting opposing points of view. Available electronically from the library's web page and in print in the reference collection (REF H 35 .E35).

EBSCOhost MasterFILE Premier

Electronic source to periodical articles. From the library's web page you may access over 1,890 full-text periodicals.

ProQuest National Newspapers

Full-text access to newspaper articles including the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post* and *Christian Science Monitor*.

MOBAC Online Regional Catalog

If Hartnell doesn't have the book you need, search this catalog to find out if a neighboring library does own it. Available from the library's web site.

MOBACULP Directory

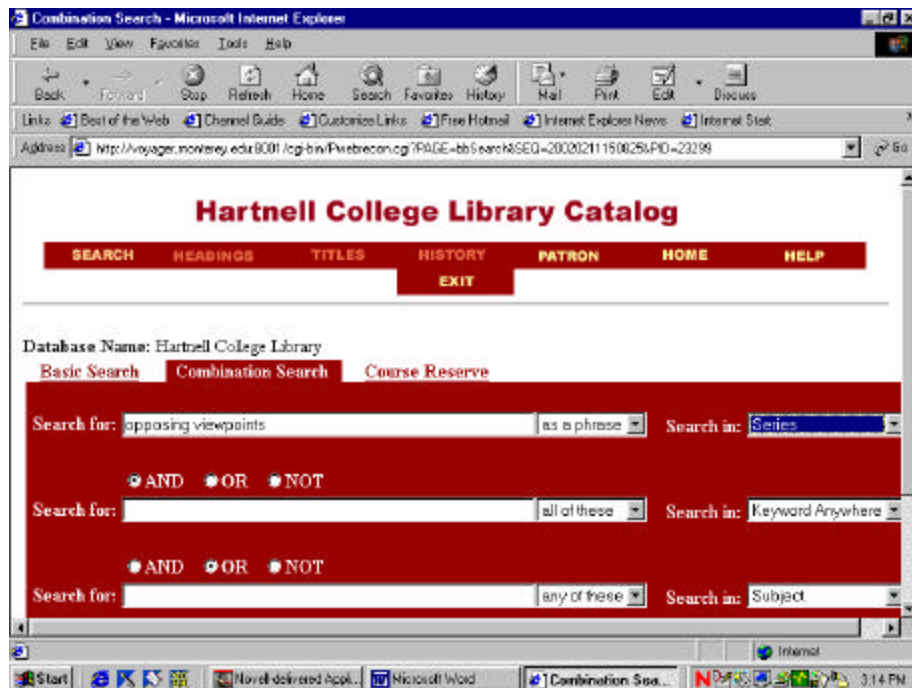
A listing of all the periodicals owned by nearby libraries. Ask the reference librarian to use this resource.

Interlibrary Loan

If Hartnell does not own the materials you need, ask the reference librarian about borrowing materials from other libraries through interlibrary loan. Allow at least three weeks for this service.

Books Relating to Current Controversial Topics

Students frequently write research papers on controversial topics such as abortion, animal rights, bilingual education, capital punishment, censorship, euthanasia, gun control, homelessness, etc. Series that present various viewpoints on these controversial subjects are: **Information Plus** (current editions shelved at the Reference Desk) **Current Controversies**, **Opposing Viewpoints**, **Contemporary Issues**, **Contemporary World Issues**, and **Ideas in Conflict**. To search for books in these series, use the “combination search” method in the online catalog. Select “series” from the drop down menu



Related Web Sites

Public Agenda Online, *The Inside Source for Public Opinion & Policy Analysis* offers nonpartisan briefing on policy and polling. <http://www.publicagenda.org/>

Some search engines and directories provide links to web pages and articles on current controversial topics. Examples are:

Yahoo's directory, **Society and Culture--Issues and Causes**
http://dir.yahoo.com/Society_and_Culture/Issues_and_Causes/

Lycos' directory, **Society—Issues** <http://dir.lycos.com/Society/Issues/>