As you begin your research on your class assignments on some aspect of racial identity, first, you will want to go to the [library web page](library.ehc.edu). Second, some background information or a general overview might be useful. The print titles listed below (in call number order), are all located in the reference section of Kelly Library, and the online reference databases can be found on the [A – Z Database](library.ehc.edu) list. All of them have good articles on many aspects of racial identity. They are examples of specialized encyclopedias - they focus on a particular subject, as compared to general encyclopedias, such as *Americana* or *World Book*, and are more authoritative than Wikipedia. Of course, if at any point you need assistance locating or using any of these resources covered in this guide, please speak with a librarian!

**NOTE:** If you are viewing this guide via Moodle, or the [Guides](library.ehc.edu) link on the [library](library.ehc.edu) web page, you should be able to access all of the hyperlinks in this guide.

*Racial and Ethnic Relations in America*  REF E 49 .R33 2000  
*Encyclopedia of American Indian History*  REF E 77 .E48 2008  
*Encyclopedia of American Cultural and Intellectual History*  REF E 169.1 .E624 2001 also in *Credo*  
*Salem Decades Series*  REF E 169.12 .S25 also online in *Salem Online Reference Shelf*  

**Twenties, Thirties, Forties, Fifties, Sixties, Seventies, Eighties, Nineties, 2000s in America**  

*Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*  REF E 184 .A1 E584 2008 also in *Credo* and *GVRL*  
*Asian Americans: An Encyclopedia of Social, Cultural... History*  REF E 184 .A75 A842648 2014  
*Encyclopedia of Muslim-American History*  REF E 184 .M88 E876 2010  
*Encyclopedia of Latino Culture: From Calaveras to Quinceañeras*  REF E 184 .S75 E588 2014  
*The Oxford Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas in the United States*  REF E 184 .S75 O97 2005  
*Encyclopedia of Muslim-American History*  REF E 184.6 M55 2010 also in *GVRL*  
*Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History*  REF E 185 .E54 2006  
*Reference Library of Black America*  REF E 185 .R455 2005  
*Encyclopedia of Appalachia*  REF E 106 .E53 206  

*Encyclopedia of Sociology*  REF HM 425 .E5 2000 also in *GVRL*  
*Encyclopedia of American Social Movements*  REF HN 57 .E594 2004  
*Social History of Crime & Punishment in America: An Encyclopedia*  REF HV 6779 .S63 2012
Finding Information in the (Almost) Whole Library Collection

An easy way to search most of the library’s resources that are actually in the building, or full-text in its databases, is through E&H OneSearch. Take a look at the following example—a search on Melungeons AND identity.

Notice the checkbox limiting the search results of over 500 items to “Available in Library Collection.” This search includes everything on the A – Z List except the databases on the right side of the screen shot. This is an easy way to make a first pass in your research, and find a substantial number of full-text items that you have access to in Kelly Library or in its databases.

Unchecking the box expands the list of results to more than 660.

Can I Look at Individual Databases?

You may prefer to look at some of these databases individually. Let’s look at the catalog and a few databases.

Catalog

Emory & Henry College belongs to a group, or a consortium, of four libraries called Holston Associated Libraries, and they share a common catalog. Sometimes you will hear library staff members refer to the
catalog as HAL. All types of items are in our catalog; besides books, there are DVDs, CDs, streaming video, maps, electronic books, and other electronic resources. You can request items held by the other HAL libraries through the catalog, and have them sent to Kelly Library for pick up. You can search for material in several different ways: by **subject**, **author**, **title**, or **keyword**. The following screenshot is from a subject search on the **Harlem Renaissance**.

![Subject search screenshot](image)

**What Are These Strange Letters and Numbers?**

After you have found books and other material in the catalog, how do you find these things in the library? The call numbers don’t look like what you are used to in your school learning resource center or local public library. That’s because Kelly Library uses the **Library of Congress** classification system, and your school or public library probably used the **Dewey Decimal** system. Both classification schemes do the same thing: group library materials together by subject. To help make things clearer, take a look at this **tutorial** from the University of Rhode Island to help you decipher Library of Congress call numbers. Please do not attempt to contact URI library staff. If you are having a tough time finding items on the shelves, do not hesitate to ask any Kelly Library circulation staff member or reference librarian for help.

**Databases**

You may prefer to search most of the library’s online resources at one time through **E&H OneSearch**, or you may prefer to look at some of them separately. Following are some good databases for the subject matter of this class, if you would like to search them individually. The example in the screen shot on the next page is a search in **Academic Search Complete** on “Jim Crow” laws AND segregation.
Some other databases that would be helpful in addition to *E&H OneSearch* and *Academic Search Complete* are *Legal Collection*, *Military & Government Collection*, *Psychology and Behavioral Science Collection*, and *SocINDEX*. Please note that user interface for all of these databases is the same.

**Locating Articles That Are Not Full-Text**

OK, after searching *SocINDEX*, which is not a full-text database, for articles on “Loving v. Virginia” AND “interracial marriage,” you found a citation. It’s for “Overturning Anti-Miscegenation Laws: News Media Coverage of the Lovings’ Legal Case against the State of Virginia” in the July 2012 issue of the *Journal of Black Studies*. It looks good! What’s the next step?

Click on the *Journals by Title* link on the home page, and paste the journal title. It’s in the JSTOR database. Click on the link, and then select the year and issue.
**CQ Researcher**

This database contains weekly reports on a wide variety of topics, including ones relating to the criminal justice system in the United States. Below is a screen shot from a report on (race OR ethnicity) AND civil rights.” NOTE: CQ Researcher is one of the few databases not included in E&H OneSearch; You have to search it separately.

![CQ Researcher](image)

NOTE: You should be able to access all of these databases from off-campus. If you are having difficulty doing so, please contact the Electronic Resources librarian, Jody Hanshew at jhanshew@ehc.edu.

**What Does “Scholarly” Versus “Popular” Mean?**

Throughout your college career, you will hear professors and librarians mention popular magazines and scholarly journals. Your professors may tell you to rely on scholarly, not popular sources. What does that mean? Generally, articles in popular magazines, such as *Time*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Glamour*, etc. are geared toward a large audience. Scholarly journals, such as the *American Historical Review*, *American Journal of Psychology*, *International Journal of Ethics*, etc. are aimed at scholars and students in specialized fields. *People* is a magazine about celebrities and popular culture; the *Journal of Popular Culture* studies and analyzes it.

Here is a link to a helpful chart ([Scholarly vs Popular Articles](chart)) on the Skidmore College’s Library website that will help you distinguish the difference between the two types of publications.

**Statistics**

Need statistics on the demographics of your town, city, state? Try *American FactFinder*, a database compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau. You can find it by doing a title search in the catalog, or copying and pasting this link: [https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml](https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml). Let’s look at the demographic information available for Abingdon:
Finding Good Internet Sites

There are many good web sites and some that are not so good. In high school, your teachers and media specialists have probably given you some advice on how to tell the good from the bad. Try this site at Widener University’s Wolfram Library page for a great YouTube tutorial on evaluating websites. In addition to pages you find on your own, the librarians in Kelly Library have compiled some high-quality websites under the Subject Resources link.

Documentation AND Plagiarism

Plagiarism is serious academic misconduct. The E&H Academic Code clearly states that it is a student’s responsibility to give credit to another person’s exact words or unique ideas. The Honor Code reinforces this concept with the statement that one of its elements is “A commitment to abstain from all forms of cheating and plagiarism.” Documenting sources correctly will help you avoid this mistake in your papers and presentations. In high school, you may have already had some experience with the Turabian style of documentation. Your professors will talk to you more in-depth about this issue. Three other common styles you may hear your professors mention are MLA (Modern Language Association), APA (American Psychological Association) and the Chicago Manual of Style. The library has guides for all of them. Also, on the library’s Research Tips page, there are links to several helpful sites. The Long Island University and the OWL (Online Writing Lab at Purdue University) websites are especially helpful.

Your Best Resource

Your best resource in the library is the people who work here! If you are having problems locating or using any of these resources, please ask a library staff member for assistance. We’re here to help you with your information needs. Kelly Library is open 90+ hours a week during the regular semester, and reference librarians are available 8am – 7pm Monday – Thursday and 8am-5pm Friday.

Librarians: Jane Caldwell, Jody Hanshew, Janet Kirby, and Ruth Castillo
Circulation Staff: Adam Alley, Cindy Goodson, Christine Mitten, and Melissa Phelps.
Another valuable resource available to you on this campus is the E&H Writing Center in McGlothlin-Street 233. The tutors there can work with you to improve your papers by giving you advice on grammar, organization and documentation matters; it is not an editing service. For information on operating hours and tutor schedules, call ext. 6723 or check the Writing Center webpage... Also, you may want to consult with Academic Support Services in the Powell Resource Center at ext. 6144.

One more resource that will help you with your research: Diana Hacker’s grammar and composition book A Writer's Reference. It contains an excellent section on doing research—how to set realistic deadlines, form a topic and refine it, etc. as well as giving you some practical tips.

Remember: We’re here to help you with your information needs. Please don’t hesitate to ask us for help. You can reach us by:

- calling the Circulation Desk at ext. 6208
- emailing askalibrarian@ehc.edu
- visiting the library in person