Citation Mining

HOW TO FIND INFO FROM CITATIONS
Here we go....
One of the best ways to find good information on a topic is to look at the reference lists in the good sources you already have.

Look at the citations closely to identify what type of item is referenced. Then you will know how to find it.

The citations in the reference list can be to many types of sources:
- Books
- Book chapters
- Websites
- Journal articles
- ...and more
Tracking down sources

- As you read scholarly material you will see that there are in-text citations letting you know that the authors are citing works of other scholars.

- You can see that this partial paragraph was from an article by Gilchrist and Zald written in 2008 and taken from page 167.

- If you look at the reference list on the next slide you will find the complete citation for this quote.

“It also promotes a collaborative vision for these efforts to include faculty and librarians as equal and active participants in this process. Gilchrist and Zald argue that “the standards now serve as an excellent starting point for campus-based discussions between librarians and faculty members about what information literacy means when viewed through the lens of an institution’s unique curriculum, philosophies, and values” (2008: 167).
At the end of academic book chapters and at the end of scholarly articles there is usually a list of citations to the works cited in the item. They look like this:


The citation from the quote on the last slide is the last entry on this list. It is a book chapter... notice the “In” in the citation.
I want to read the whole thing!

- Since we know it is a book chapter we will start by looking for the book in the Search It catalog to see if WSU owns a copy. First click on the Advanced Search link on the library’s homepage.
- Be sure to sign in as a WSU student or you will not be able to access the content of the catalog.
- Look for a pop up box like this one.... Or click on the “sign in” link to get to the sign in box.
Finding and requesting the book

- Run your search using the drop down boxes that match your request. Notice since I know the exact title of the book I can do a title search using the exact words.
- Your results will show the title of the book with a green dot. Click on “Get It” and you will see where the book is located. You could get the book here in Vancouver or request the book from H&T in Pullman.
If the book is not available and you want to see just one chapter you can request the book chapter through ILLiad and it will be sent to you electronically.

Log in to your ILLiad account and look at the menu under “New Requests”.

Click on the book chapter link and fill out the request form.

Almost magic!!
How to find a Journal Article

- This is likely to be the most frequent item you will find in the reference lists.
- Look at the article citation. What is the name of the journal (periodical)?
- We need to know if WSU has a subscription to this resource.
- Go to the library home page and click on the dropdown menu in the Search It box. Select Vancouver. Enter the name of the journal in the search box and click on Search.
You can see that WSU has an online subscription by the green dot in the record. Click on the Access Link.

You will want to be sure the subscription is for all campuses and that the dates of our subscription encompass the date of the article you are looking for.

Click on the database link to view the articles.
And then....

- You will be directed to a page where you can select the date of the item you want. Next you will need to select the issue and then the article.... It is just like going to the shelf to find an article in a print journal... only easier!!
Another interface

- Every publisher has a different interface.
- In this interface you need to look around the page to find the past issues.
- Don’t let little differences like this throw you for a loop. Poke around!! It is worth it!
If WSU does not have a subscription...

Remember:
You can request the article through ILLiad, just like you did the book chapter!!
And to find Websites?

- You know how to do that!

- Just do a web search using the URL in the citation.
You are likely to find dissertations, conference proceedings, interviews, and numerous other items in citation lists/reference lists. Some of these may be available on the Internet, some are not available at all, and some can be acquired through ILLiad. If you get stuck--- ask for help!