As we all know, the Internet has become a phenomenally powerful source of information. As vital as the Internet has become to us, we must use considerable caution when relying upon World Wide Web sites as sources of information. Unlike scholarly references which undergo a rigorous process of editorial review, virtually anyone can create a website. Therefore, there’s a lot of junk that gets published on the Internet. I personally use google.com quite often and consider it a more reliable source.

In contrast, for Techniques of Research, we are primarily interested in websites that can provide us with scholarly information. For literature resources, I suggest utilizing the university library electronic database for articles and other scholarly information. The library also has E-books available to be checked out online.

The following activities in this module introduce you to the steps needed to navigate the university’s electronic databases to locate articles.

**Special Note:** Remember, if you are connecting from home that means you are outside of the university information system (only students get to use the University of Akron Library network for free.) At some point, you will log into the university network using your UANet ID and password. You may need to log into the University of Akron Library Information center, and follow the directions to get connected off campus, or call 330-972-6888 if you have problems.

Step 1 Log onto uakron.edu
Step 2 Click on the Libraries tab at the top right corner.
Step 3 Under “Quick Access,” choose a research tool or click on the Research Tools tab
(I suggest Articles and Research databases.)