

SAMPLE STUDENT COMMENTS

The new "OneSearch" function is a great tool that I wish they would have had when I first started at UCF. It was such a project before to use UCF's online database and half the time you never found what you wanted and ended up just using search engines such as Google for projects. The process was so simple and a lot easier than I imagined a library search to be. All you did was type in what you were searching for in the OneSearch tool bar, modified the results by clicking different options on the left side that narrowed the results, and then found the book you wanted and your done.

They gave you results in seconds and with a couple of clicks you had exactly what you were looking for. I have never used OneSearch before and I attempted to use the library database but with out much success. This is a great tool that I will now be using over any other search engines such as Google scholar. This tool makes finding sources for a paper go from the most difficult part of the paper to by far one of the easiest parts.

Since I've never actually used OneSearch or the library database before, I found it much easier than I thought it would be. I was always a little intimidated and just used Google Scholar, but I think now I will be using OneSearch much more. I was definitely able to narrow my search a lot more than with Google Scholar. I started out just typing "persuasion" in the search bar and came up with 81,014 results, but when I limited my search to only scholarly peer reviewed journals with the full online text, published between 2010 & 2013 it narrowed my results to 7,942. After selecting the subject "communication", my results were condensed to 371. This was a really simple process and narrowing my search results so much helped me to not feel so overwhelmed and would give more focus into exactly what you're looking for when researching for a paper.

I haven't used the Library Database in the past, but I find this very useful for future assignments in this class, as well as, others. The process of locating scholarly journals, essays, books, etc is surprising quite simple! I believe that the UCF Library Database is probably more reliable, easier, and even more credible than Google Scholar. Having THOUSANDS of options of reading material and being able to narrow your options is more time effective than using Google Scholar. Being able to limit the number of options even to a specific major is so useful. When I limited my search to a Communications major I still received over 300 items of reading material (374 to be exact). I believe that as a UCF student most of us should be using UCF research material because it's here for a reason; to help us learn and succeed.