



Sign Spinning:

Promoting Library Resources at Regional Campuses







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Sign Spinning: An Overview

 Reference & Instruction librarians are sign spinners who promote/connect users to library resources/lending system

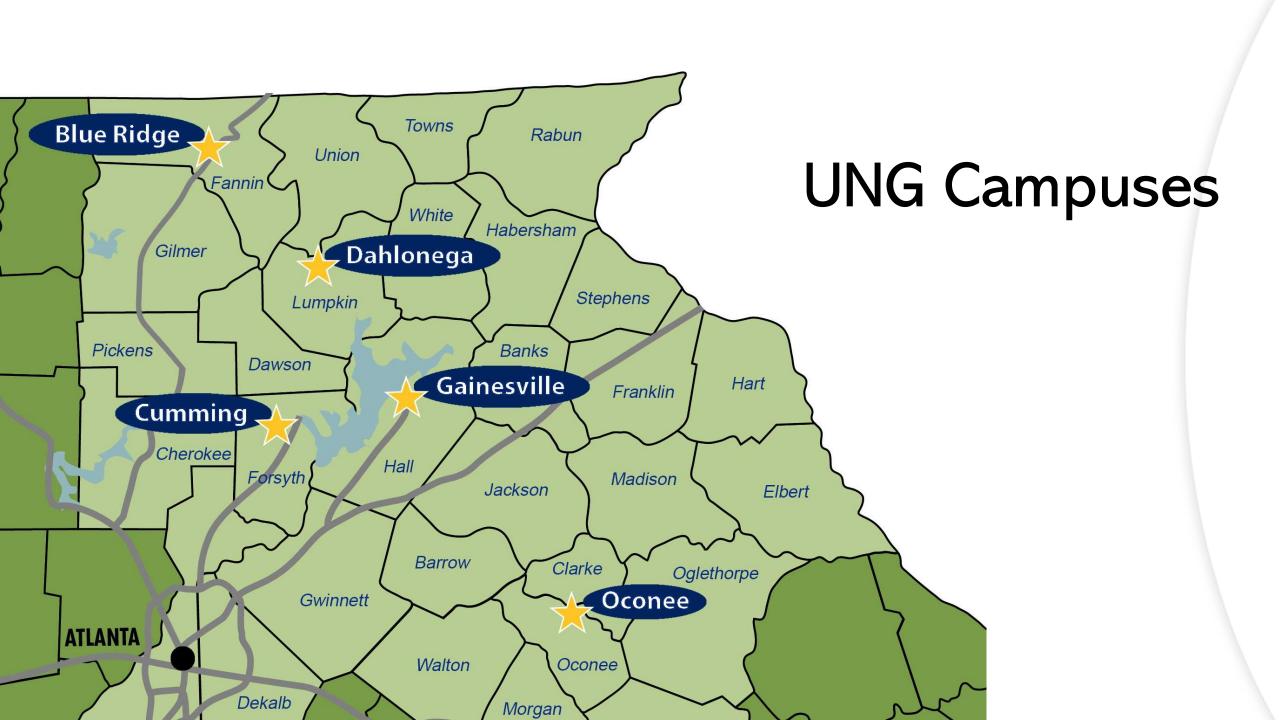
• Regional campuses are more resource-dependent on GALILEO &

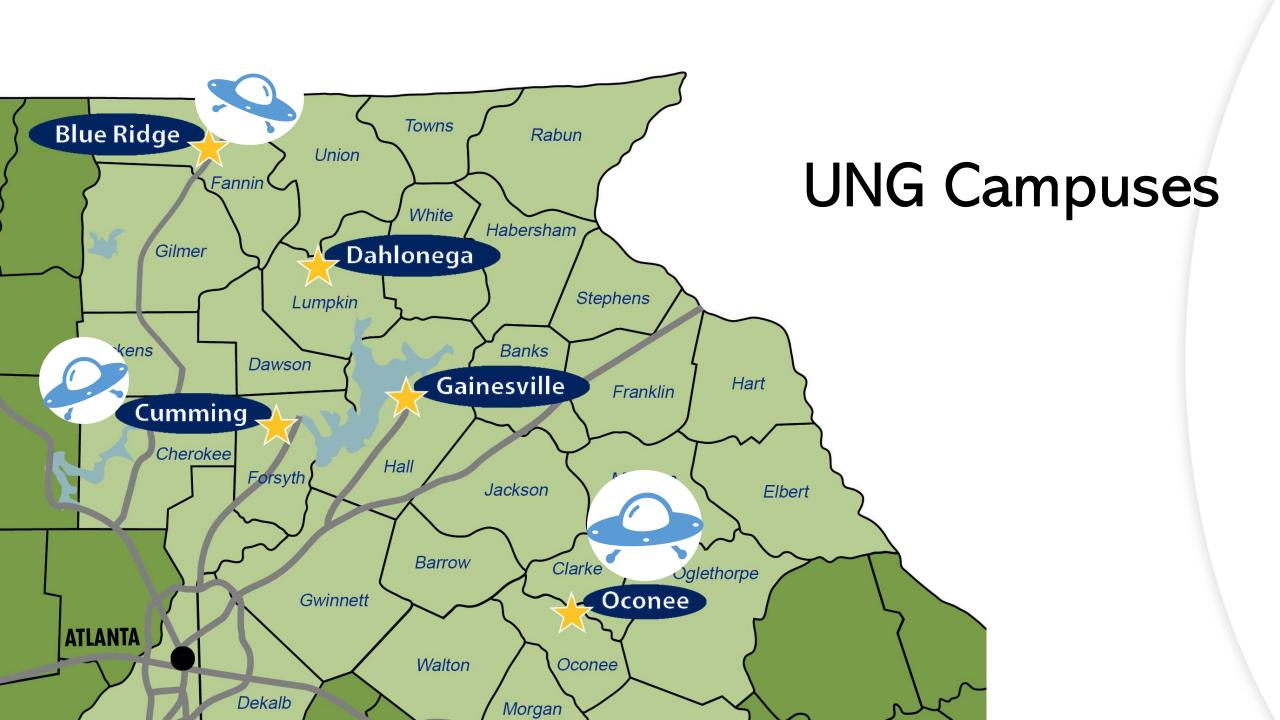
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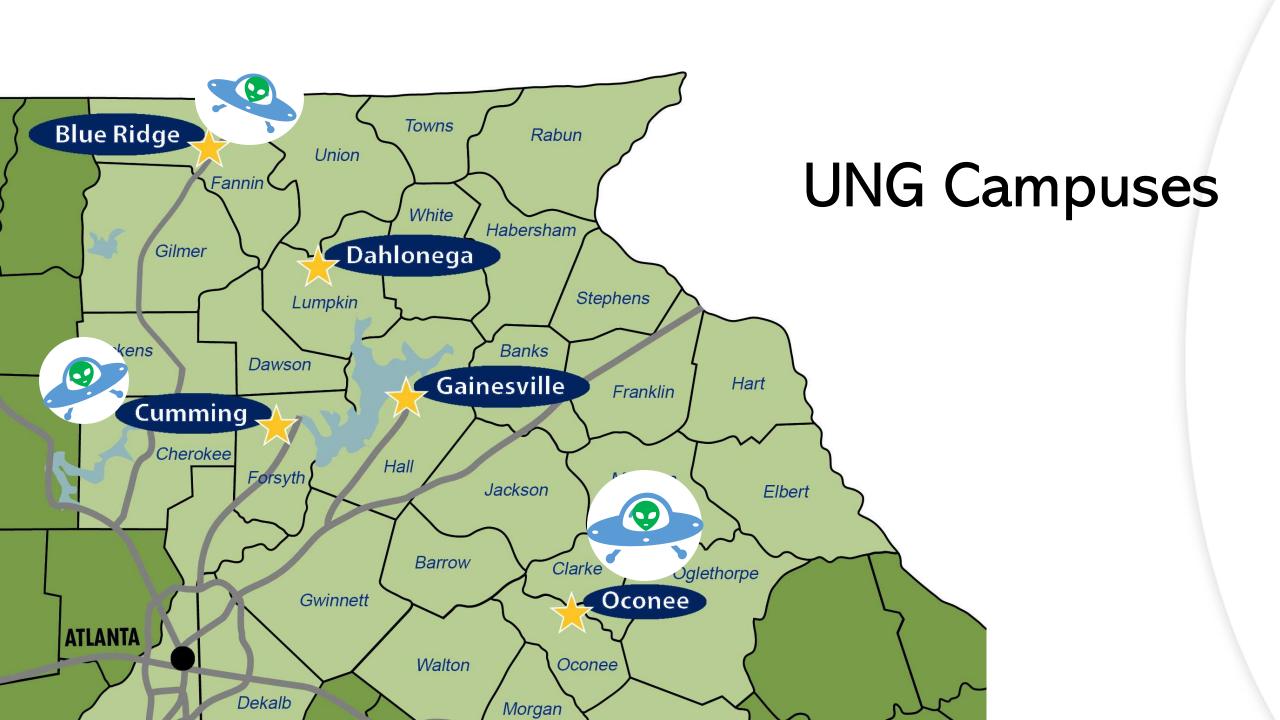
Challenges associated with sign-spinning



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UNG Regional Campuses At a Glance







| | Blue Ridge | Cumming | Oconee |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Students | 225+ | 1000+ | 2600+ |
| Campus Type | Commuter | Commuter | Commuter |
| Programs | Undergraduate (first two years) | Undergraduate & Graduate | Undergraduate (first two years) |
| GIL Express Requests 2017-2021 | (not available) | 293 | 250 |

UNG Libraries Overview

Each campus: library presence, if not substantial collection

Technical/Access Services more centralized; Oconee also has some Access Services staff

Reference Services librarians at regional campuses focus on instruction/promotion of library resources & services



Oconee Campus

- Dedicated library space within Student Resource Center
- Two librarians and 2.5 Access Services staff
- Approximately 11,000 items in physical collection



Blue Ridge Campus

- Opened at another location in 2015, moved into its new building 2021
- No dedicated library space, cabinets with a small collection (~70 items)
- Logistical issues with GIL-Express and Intercampus (made changes to fix)
- Librarian on campus 1-2 days/week beginning in 2021



books

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Cumming Campus

- 160 items permanent collection/reference
- Reliant on GIL-Express & online resources
- Limited visual cues that this is a library space

GIL Express requests made by UNG patrons by campus

| Request Year | Pickup Library | # of |
|--------------|---------------------|----------|
| | | Requests |
| 2017 | Cumming Library | 10 |
| | Dahlonega Library | 428 |
| | Gainesville Library | 238 |
| | Oconee Library | 20 |
| 2018 | Cumming Library | 63 |
| | Dahlonega Library | 1,471 |
| | Gainesville Library | 735 |
| | Oconee Library | 71 |
| 2019 | Cumming Library | 61 |
| | Dahlonega Library | 1,174 |
| | Gainesville Library | 853 |
| | Oconee Library | 88 |
| 2020 | Blue Ridge Library | 4 |
| | Cumming Library | 55 |
| | Dahlonega Library | 634 |
| | Gainesville Library | 422 |
| | Oconee Library | 44 |
| 2021 | Cumming Library | 104 |
| | Dahlonega Library | 679 |
| | Gainesville Library | 717 |
| | Oconee Library | 27 |
| 2022 | Blue Ridge Library | 1 |
| | Cumming Library | 34 |
| | Dahlonega Library | 177 |
| | Gainesville Library | 198 |
| | Oconee Library | 3 |
| Grand Total | | 8,311 |

Questions?



Resource Promotion: Regional vs. Traditional

- Emphasis on:
 - The fact that we're a library
 - Existence of services/resources
 - How to access and use services/resources

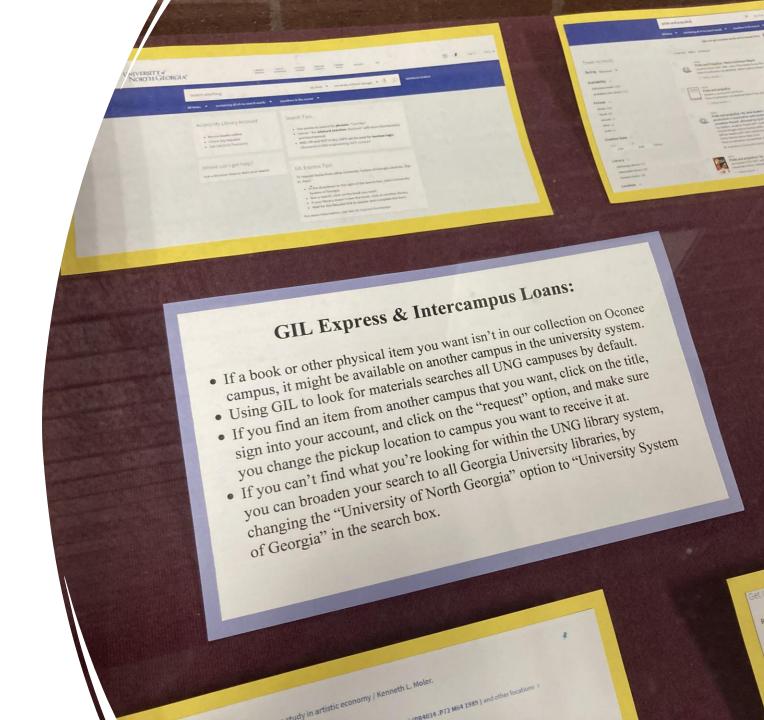




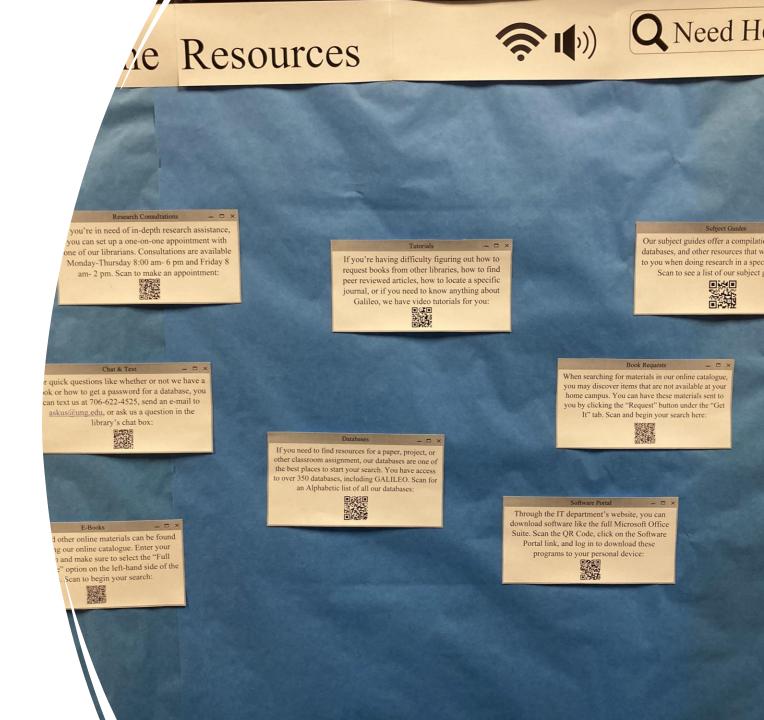


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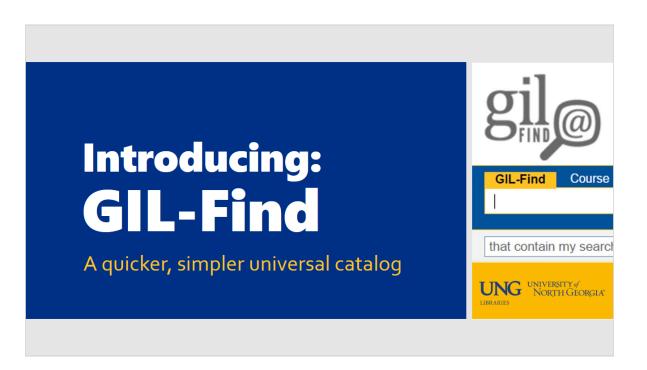
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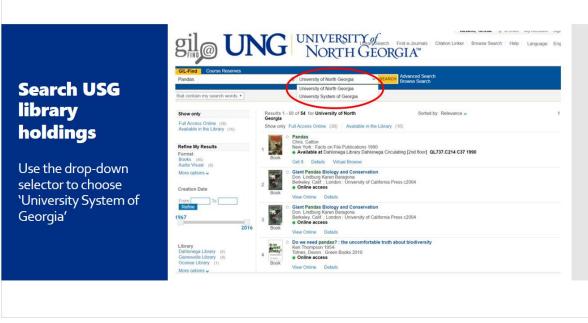


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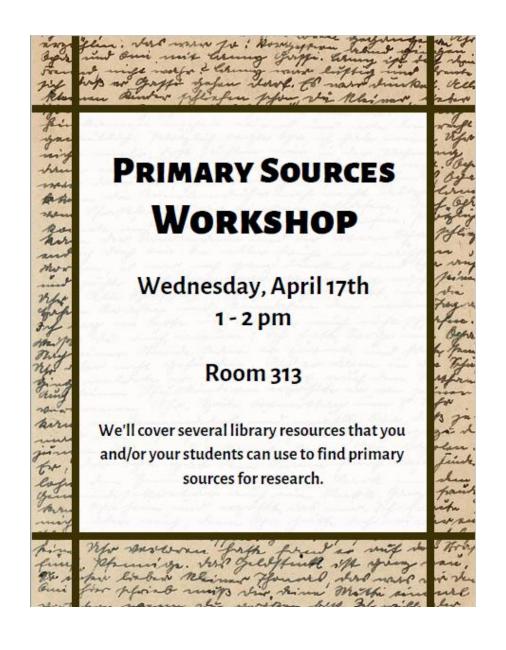


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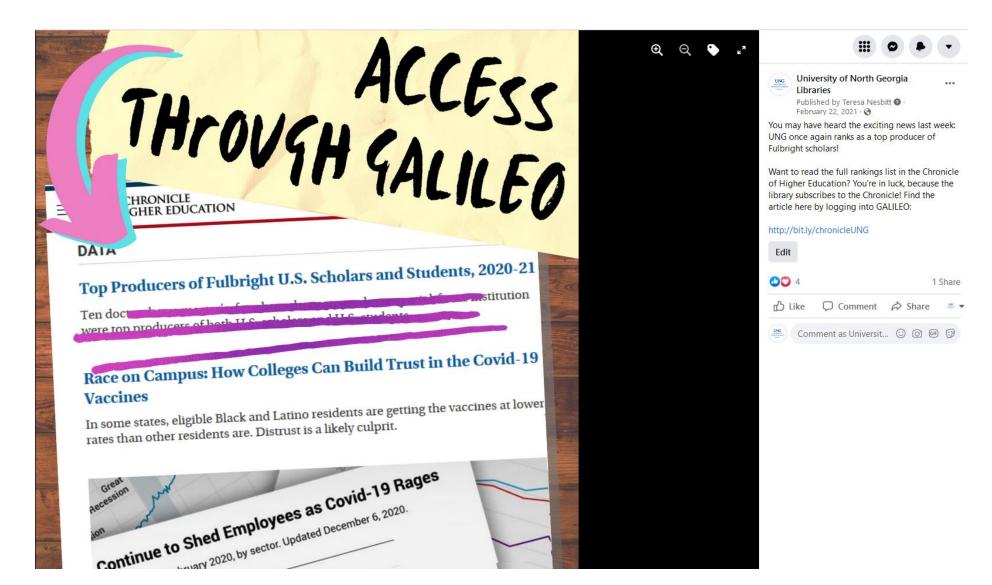




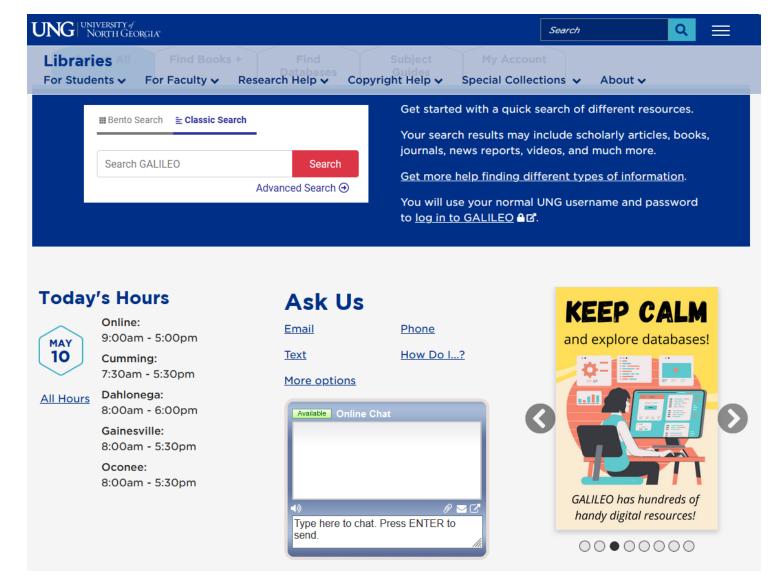
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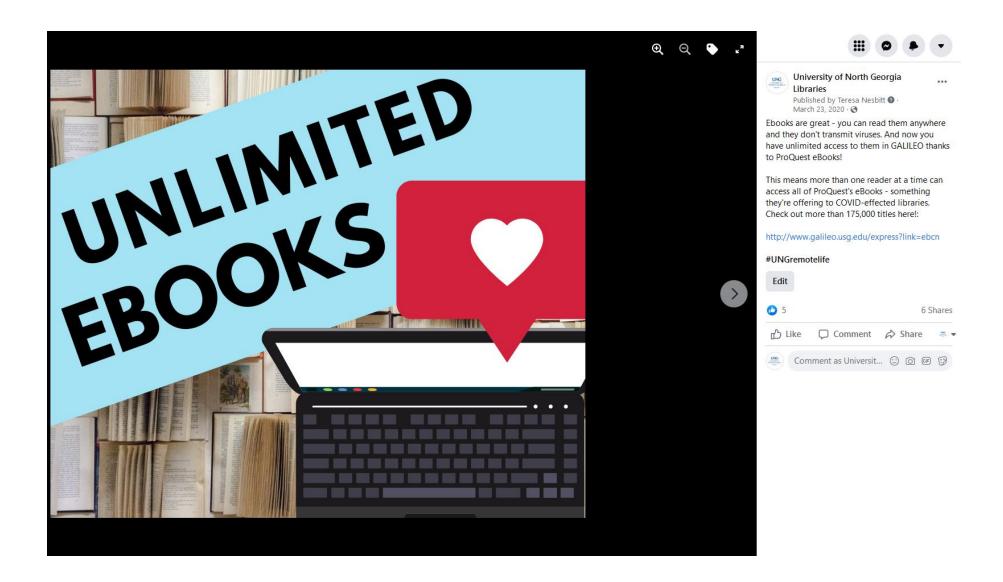
Online Promotion: Social Media



Pandemic-era Promotion: Library Website



Pandemic-era Promotion: Social Media



Library Instruction: How does it differ by campus?

- Oconee Campus
 - Promote physical access to neighboring UGA library collection
 - Some assignments in OC classes explicitly instruct students to find print books at the library
- Blue Ridge Campus
 - Emphasize the ebook collection
 - Demos on search techniques
 - Emphasize services RCs, chat reference
- Cumming Campus
 - High faculty turnover
 - Dual enroll students

Library Instruction: How is it similar across campuses?

- Teaching databases to upper level vs lower level; undergrads vs grad students
- Commuter campus syndrome
- Catching students in the "stacks" and letting them know about the access they have to other collections.
- Promotion of various databases for specific assignments during RCs
 - "If you have an assignment, we have the database for you"
- Sample assignments that lead to database promotion
- Distinguishing GALILEO database content from open web content







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CONTEXT



Statistics & Data

- o <u>S</u>tatistical Abstract of the United States (GALILEO)
- Google > type "site:gov" along with your search to find government-collected data on your topic.

Analysis, Opinion, Pro/Con

- o CQ Researcher (GALILEO)
- o Opposing Viewpoints in Context (GALILEO)
- Magazines, Blogs, News/Opinion/Essay Websites (e.g. Salon.com)
- Scholarly Research
 - Scholarly Journals
 - ung.edu/libraries > <u>Search All</u> or <u>Find Databases</u>
 limit to Peer Reviewed/Scholarly
 - scholar.google.com



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Library Instruction: Research Guides

D2L Modules

LibGuides

Google Sites

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LibGuides

https://libguides.ung.edu/newspapers





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Newspapers: Local Georgia Newspapers

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Links to Georgia newspapers from across the state as well as information for titles available in print at the UNG Libraries.

Atlanta & North Georgia Publications

- · Access North Georgia
- · Atlanta Business Chronicle
- · Athens Banner-Herald
- Atlanta Intown
- · Atlanta Journal-Constitution
- Atlanta Leader
- Atlanta Voice
- Dahlonega Nugget
- Dunwoody Crier
- El Nuevo Georgia
- . Forsyth County News

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Daily Publications

- · Albany Herald
- · Americus Times-Recorder Access to articles requires answering surveys.
- · Athens Banner-Herald
- Augusta Chronicle
- Brunswick News
- · Clayton News Daily
- Cordele Dispatch Access to articles requires answering surveys.
- · Dalton Citizen News
- · Gwinnett Daily Post
- · Henry Herald



Cumming: 470-230-3120

Google Sites

https://bit.ly/COMM_1110



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Where to find stuff!

Verbal Citations

Where to locate information for a persuasive essay

So you have located information through <u>GALILEO</u> and Google at this point. But sometimes knowing a good starting place can be a challenge.

Here are some good starting places for Persuasive Essays. Each of these databases contains contentious topics and links to sources for both sides of an argument.

CQ Researcher: In-depth non-biased coverage of issues in the news, including topics in health, social trends, education, and the environment. Reports often include PROs and CONs on a given topic as well as a timeline of the evolution of the issue.

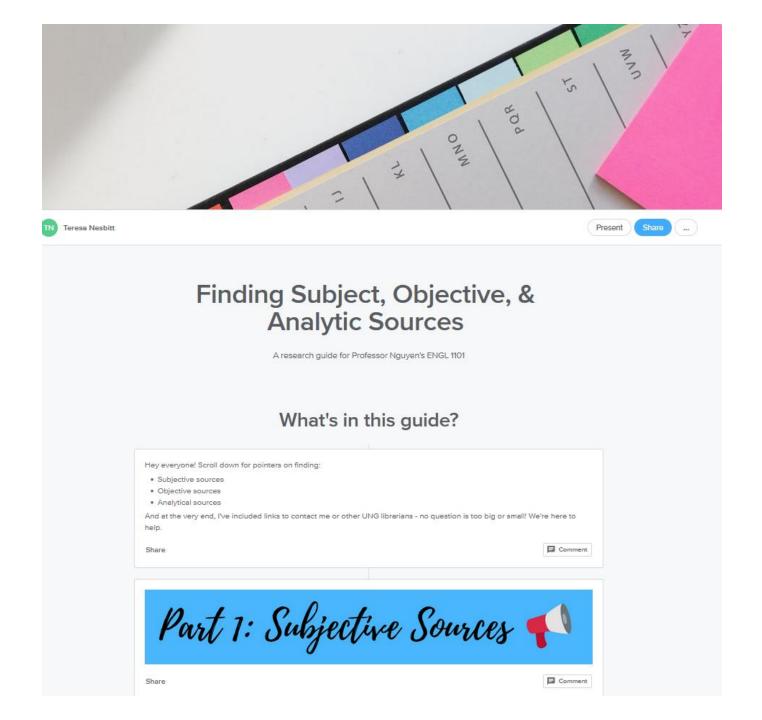
Opposing Viewpoints in Context: Presents different views on current controversial issues. Its informed, differing views present each side of an issue and help students develop

Here is a video of me walking through these two databases.



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Part 2: Objective Sources

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What makes a source objective?

- · Balanced, portrays multiple viewpoints
- · Presented with intent of being unbiesed

What types of sources usually contain objective

- · News articles (objectivity may vary by publication)
- · Reports
- · Reference Sources (encyclopedias, dictionaries, etc)

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Governments and organizations will sometimes release reports and factsheets in their areas of expertise. Some tips for finding reports and factsheets:

- In Google, type site:.gov, followed by your search terms, to only search government sites
- · Identify reputable authorities on your topic and search their website(s) (ex. if you're researching Stonehenge, UNESCO might have some reports on your topic)

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News articles

Remember: not all news outlets present unbiased reports; some, like the National Review or Democracy Now, wear their viewpoints on their sleeve.

Examples of neutral news outlets that generally present objective stories are:

- · National Public Radio (NPR)
- · Associated Press (AP) News
- British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)

You can also get full access to the New York Times, the Atlenta Journal Constitution, and more in GALILEO's newspaper collections.

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Reference sources are ones you wouldn't necessarily read front-to back, but instead consult for quick facts. These include encyclopedies and dictionaries. In GALILEO, you can find reference sources in these databases:

- · Credo Reference
- · Oxford Reference Online
- · Encyclopedia Britannica Online
- Or browse all of our reference databases

Discussion

- 1. Which GALILEO resources or services do you think need to be better-promoted to 1st and 2nd year students?
- 2. How do you market, promote, and teach GALILEO/GIL resources and services?
- 3. What are some ways Libraries can improve the way they promote and teach GALILEO resources to student populations that are more reliant on remote access?



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