## RESEARCH TIPS

**CHOOSE YOUR TOPIC** - choose something that interests you and has enough potential sources; narrow or broaden your topic, if necessary.

**REFERENCE BOOKS** - good place to start for broad overview of your topic, some historical background or just to check to see how much information is available.

**CIRCULATING BOOKS** - use the online catalog to locate books with more detailed and specific information on your topic.

**ONLINE DATABASES** - find current articles from magazines, journals and newspapers by typing in your topic and refining your search as needed.

**OPEN WEB** - use search engines or directories, such as Google or Yahoo; best websites for academic research will be .edu, .gov or .org; always check with your instructor if open web is an allowable source.