Websites with addresses ending in .edu or .gov usually have facts. Some .org sites may have good information, but be aware that they may also have a strong point of view.

HELPFUL INTERNET WEBSITES

The Valle Verde Library has a directory of librarian-reviewed websites. Helpful Internet Websites include such topics as Research & Writing Tips, Career & Employment, Government, Technology & Architecture and many more. Links to these sites are on the EPCC Library Homepage @ www.epcc.edu/library.

SPECIALIZED ENCYCLOPEDIAS

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A subject specialized encyclopedia is a great place to start and sometimes the best source of background information. They are located in the reference collection arranged by subject.

ONLINE CATALOG

Find BOOKS • DVDs • BOOK SERIES

- Go to www.epcc.edu/library
- Click on Online Catalog

Search using your topic or type in one of the four book series titles listed below for topic ideas. Books from the series collection can be located throughout the VV Library in either the reference or the circulating section.

1. Opposing Viewpoints 3. Current Controversies
2. Reference Shelf 4. At Issue

SEARCH TIPS ON USING KEYWORDS

Here is an example on how to do a keyword search using the EPCC Library online catalog and databases.

If your question is “Are teen parents more likely to drop out of school?”

Use different keywords to get different results.

- Teen pregnancy AND education
- Teenagers AND parenting
- Education AND adolescent

ONLINE DATABASES – MULTI-DISCIPLINARY

Find ARTICLES • IMAGES • VIDEOS

Use the “Database Collections” for a wide array of topics, including controversial topics. Select from one of the three recommended databases listed below. See reverse side for instructions.

- Ebsco Databases
- Galenet/Info Trac Collections
- NexisUni – *Replaces LexisNexis Academic*

CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS DATABASE

Find ARTICLES • IMAGES • VIDEOS

- Opposing Viewpoints in Context - See reverse side for instructions.
Controversial Topics - Database Search Tips

- Go to [www.epcc.edu/library](http://www.epcc.edu/library).
- Click on Online Databases.
- Use Opposing Viewpoints in Context Database found under the “Controversial” tab.

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If you are off-campus, you MUST click here first.