Library Orientation

for

English Composition II
Library Resources

● Print Resources:
  ○ Books: 58,000 volumes
  ○ Periodicals: 120 titles

● Non-Print Resources:
  ○ Audio-visual materials: 1,200 items
  ○ Internet resources
  ○ E-Books: 16,000 volumes
  ○ Online databases (Alabama Virtual Library)
Print and Audio-Visual Resources

- Print and audio-visual materials can be searched by using the library online catalog.
- The library online catalog can be accessed at:
  - the library website: www.cv.edu/library
  - the library blog: thelrcblog.blogspot.com
- Materials can't be checked out:
  - Reference books
  - Genealogy books
  - Audio-visual items
  - Periodicals
Gale Literary Index

- Search Gale's Literary Index at www.galenet.com/servlet/LitIndex to find books which contain biographical and critical articles on authors and titles.
- Gale literary books are located at the reference section on the main floor of the LRC.
- Gale literary books are for in-house use only.
Gale Literary Books in the LRC

- Literature Criticism from 1400 to 1800
- Contemporary Literary Criticism
- World Literature Criticism
- Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism
- Nineteenth-Century Literature Criticism
- Poetry Criticism
- Poetry for Students
- Drama for Students
- Nonfiction Classics for Students
- Short Story Criticism
- Short Stories for Students
- Shakespeare Characters for Students
- Shakespeare for Students
Internet Resource

- Search Internet using your preferred search engines
- Evaluate the Internet resources
  - Purpose and intended audience
  - Authority and credibility of author
  - Accuracy and reliability of the information
  - Currency and timeliness of the information
  - Objectivity or bias of the site
Google Book Search

- Google Book Search is a tool from Google that searches the full text of books that Google scans and stores in its digital database.
- 7 million books are searchable through Google book search
- Advanced book search option is available and is highly recommended.
Electronic Books

- Electronic books (e-book) are the digital version of books that you can access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- CVCC students may access e-book collection at netlibrary.com. No user ID and password are needed when access e-book collection on campus.
- Off campus access is available by registering a free account through NetLibrary using any computers on campus.
Online Databases

- Alabama Virtual Library (AVL) is primarily a group of online databases that have magazine, journal, and newspaper articles on various subjects.
- AVL can be accessed at [http://www.avl.lib.al.us](http://www.avl.lib.al.us)
- No user ID and password required to access AVL on campus or in libraries in Alabama
- Remote access is available by applying for a user ID and password from:
  - Public library or school/college library if you are an Alabama resident or registered in Alabama school
  - School/college library if you are a non-Alabama resident, but registered in Alabama school