



Introduction to Library Resources for Viterbi School of Engineering 2007 Orientation

The USC Libraries' resources – books, journals, study rooms, databases – exist to support student learning and faculty research and teaching – **these resources are for you!** We want you to be the **best** engineers-in-training you can be. This information sheet recommends some of the best ways you can use the library resources to excel.

Best place to start to access information resources for engineering = **Engineering Subject Page** on the USC Libraries Web site: <http://www.usc.edu/libraries/engineering>

Best database for accessing articles on all engineering disciplines = **Engineering Village 2.**

Linked from the Library Engineering Subject Page (above), and a USC Libraries Electronic Resources page QuickLink.

Best multidisciplinary databases = the **ProQuest suite.**

Indexes general periodicals and newspapers, **dissertations**, on all disciplines, including engineering; has easy-to-use editor for citations and bibliographies.

Best e-books collections for engineering:

ebrary – <http://site.ebrary.com/lib/uscisd/> (multidisciplinary; covers MatLab, other applications)

Safari Tech Books – <http://proquest.safaribooksonline.com> (computer science – O'Reilly computing texts)

Best place to access e-journals = **Ejournals A to Z**

<http://www.usc.edu/ejournalstatoz>

Browse the “Engineering & Applied Science” category

Best place to go for printed engineering books and journals, and some study spaces = **Science & Engineering Library** (SSL on the USC map).

Search the **HOMER catalog** – <http://library.usc.edu/> – to see what we have and if it is on the shelf.

Best way to access online resources from off campus = **proxy server**: <https://libproxy.usc.edu/login>

Best ways to reach the librarians who cover engineering:

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(See the Engineering Subject Page for our subject specialties.)

We are at the **SSL Reference desk** Mon – Thurs afts. for drop-ins.

Ask-A-Librarian – Email and Chat/IM:

http://www.usc.edu/libraries/services/ask_a_librarian/

Best group on USC's Facebook space = **S&E Library! Join us**

at: <http://usc.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2229750605>