

LIBRARY RESEARCH

~ FIELD TRIP ~

We will be visiting the Library on **Tuesday, March 22** (2-3:00 pm) for a class tutorial to learn more about research techniques. Topics to be discussed include:

- How to develop a research project
- How to collect background research
- How to find reputable sources for your work
- How to evaluate the quality of the resources available
- How to use the University's extensive electronic resources for scholarly sources

We will meet at the **Hesburgh Library, Room 222**. Arrive on time (or early) for this meeting, the door to this room locks automatically when closed. Come prepared to ask questions and take notes.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS ACTIVITY:

1. Look at the suggested websites before attending class on Tuesday. Cheri Smith (Reference Librarian, see below) and I will expect that you have familiarized yourself with the material at these sites. She will conduct the class based on that assumption. The websites are:
 - <http://www.library.nd.edu/howdoi/research/index.shtml>
 - <http://www.library.nd.edu/howdoi/journals/locatejournalarticles.shtml>
2. Have questions ready for her regarding the use of electronic resources, or any of the topics listed above. You've now had the opportunity to conduct research for your grant proposal and your debate – so you know some of the limits and pitfalls of sorting through all the information available. Here's your chance to get some expert help to more efficiently utilize the web and the library – a skill that will pay off many times over the course of the next three years.
3. I will be paying attention to the level of class participation – it is expected that you will come to class with questions, and that you will take notes during the presentation.



Cheri Smith (smith.454@nd.edu), a Reference Librarian at Hesburgh Library, will conduct the class. Ms. Smith is the Education/Psychology Reference Librarian, and the Library Liaison with the Office for Students with Disabilities. Prior to coming to Notre Dame last year, she served on the Library staff at Rice, DePauw, and Indiana University. Smith holds a BA in psychology from Earlham College, and a MLS from Indiana University.