• **Primary versus Secondary Sources**

Did you know that not all sources are created equal? Learn the difference between primary sources and secondary ones and how to choose the best one to support your research.

• **Avoiding Plagiarism**

In the computer age of cut and paste (control “C” and control “V”), the unwitting student can be accused of copying the work of other writers. Don’t let this happen to you! Learn the “ins” and “outs” of what constitutes plagiarism. In addition, this workshop provides you with three strategies for avoiding plagiarism: direct quoting, paraphrasing, and summarizing.

• **Peer Review: What Makes a Scholarly Article?**

Are you required to use a scholarly/peer-reviewed article for a research paper? Are you wondering what peer reviewed means? This workshop will differentiate the differences between popular sources and scholarly ones. We will discuss the peer review process and offer tips and tricks for finding peer reviewed articles.

• **News: Fake, Real or Fantasy?**

Winston Churchill once said, “A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on.” The Internet has broken down the distinction between professional news-gathering and amateur rumor-mongering. In our social media driven world, fake news is all around us. This workshop is designed to teach students how distinguish between reliable news reports and bogus information. The workshop will teach analytical skills to deconstruct news stories and to judge the reliability of news accounts, sources and other information.

*To sign up online for a workshop, go to:*
http://www.napavalley.edu/academics/WritingCenter/Pages/wkshpsignup.aspx

*All Library Workshops are held in Room 1772 on 2nd floor of the Library*
Workshops

- **Basic Library Research**
  The McCarthy Library contains a plethora of good quality information sources. In this workshop you will learn how to find books using the Polaris Online Catalog, how to locate articles in databases, and how to find the perfect library guide (LibGuide) to support your discipline research. Students will also learn how to access online information literacy modules and the Library’s Tip of the Week.

- **Research as Inquiry: How to Construct a Research Strategy that Works**
  Granted, finding good quality information (aka “researching”) takes some work! But in this workshop you’ll learn the iterative steps in the research process in order to carry out your search for information with greater precision. You’ll be able to construct a search using topic-relevant and controlled vocabulary (Library of Congress Subject Headings) in order to search the Polaris online catalog and library databases effectively.

- **Narrowing and Broadening Your Research Topic**
  Learn strategies and resources for selecting paper topics and refine them into researchable ones that are neither too narrow, nor too broad. Topic selection, resources for background research, writing a research question, and developing a search strategy will be introduced.

- **Using Online Databases**
  In the context of library research, a database is a tool you use to discover information. In this session, you will be introduced to common database characteristics and search techniques. After this session, you will be able to: 1. Locate the McCarthy Library website and list of library databases, 2. select an appropriate library database to satisfy specific information needs, 3. apply database search techniques to discover and save sources that meet specific criteria.

- **Evaluating Websites**
  Do you need credible Internet sources for your research assignment? We’ll talk about determining the credibility of the information you find in the course of your research.

- **Tips for Keeping Track of Sources**
  It's every student's nightmare: finding that perfect article, book, or other source for your research, forgetting to write down the source information, and then trying to recreate your search but never finding the source again. In this session, we will examine document management strategies like research journaling, graphical organizers, database tools and 'cloud' storage services so that you can keep better track of the most useful sources you find for your research assignments.

- **Annotated Bibliographies Deconstructed**
  Most four-year universities require that students understand and know how to create an annotated bibliography. This workshop will give you the needed background to create a high-quality annotated bibliography.

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