

Locate, Access and Retrieve Information Utilizing Critical Frameworks

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The Kennedy Library's Home page <http://www.lib.calpoly.edu/> provides an excellent starting point for all research endeavors.

PolyCat

PolyCat, the Library's online catalog, allows users to search for books, maps, periodicals, videos, government documents, senior projects, and other items held by the Kennedy Library.

It is essential for students to understand how PolyCat works. PolyCat offers a variety of search options that help users locate information and resources. Users can search PolyCat by keyword, author, title, subject, call number, or journal title. In addition, PolyCat offers additional advanced search options including format of material, date, and other limiters.

Databases

The Library's home page links to an A-Z list of all databases and databases by subject areas. To see a list of research guides or to access the ***Business Research Portal*** select ***Research Guides*** from the ***Getting Started*** area. Once in, select the ***Business Research Portal*** link.

Other Features

Other important features and services offered through the Library's home page include course reserves, Interlibrary Loan requests, Ask Now – a 24/7 online help desk, information about computer labs, GIS training data, and other value-added services. Make the Library's home page your first step when conducting research.

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