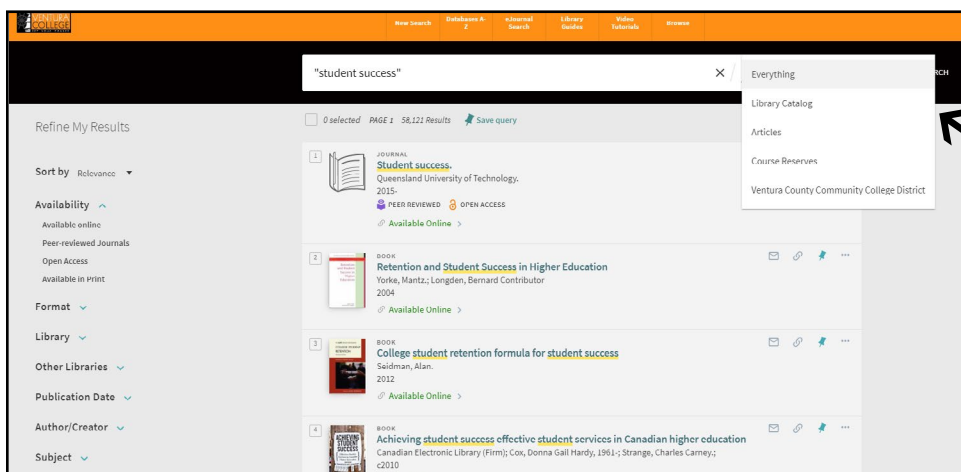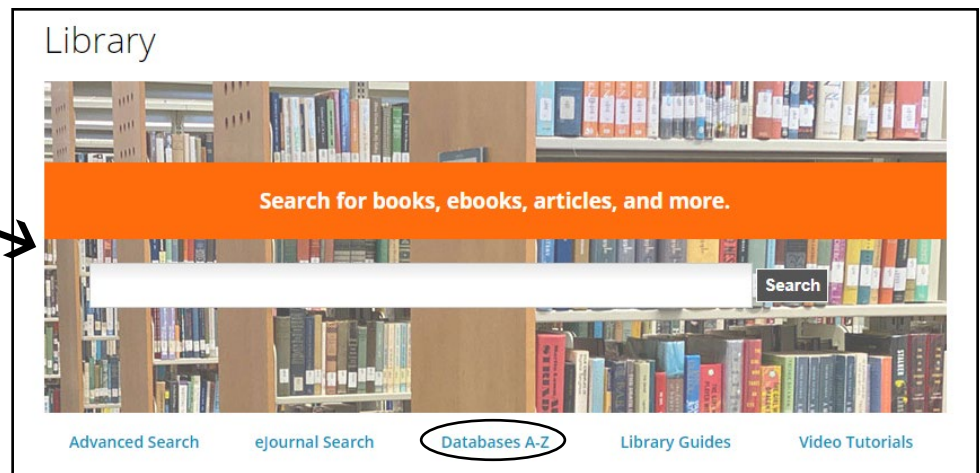# Ventura College Library

Welcome to 2020!

Hope everyone had a great winter break! The library has launched its new Library Services Platform! The library website now has a new look and new search capabilities.

From the library homepage, you can now use OneSearch to search across all library resources at once. This includes print books, electronic books, and articles from all of the databases we subscribe to. You can also easily search for and request books from Oxnard College and Moorpark College.

Since this is a new system, we are still working out some of the bugs and are looking for ways to improve user experience. As you begin to use this new system, please feel free to send feedback our way!

Search across all resources here

Or, select Databases A-Z to search within a specific database

Use the drop-down menu to search for specific types of sources or the catalogs of OC and MC

Use the bar on the left to narrow your results

Even more new things for the new year!

In addition to our new website and search interface, your librarians are hard at work updating and creating new video tutorials and library guides.
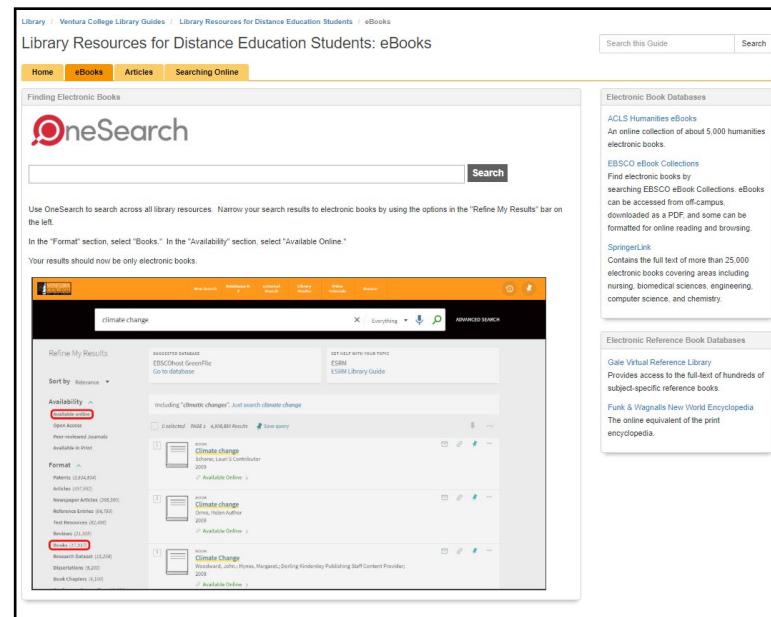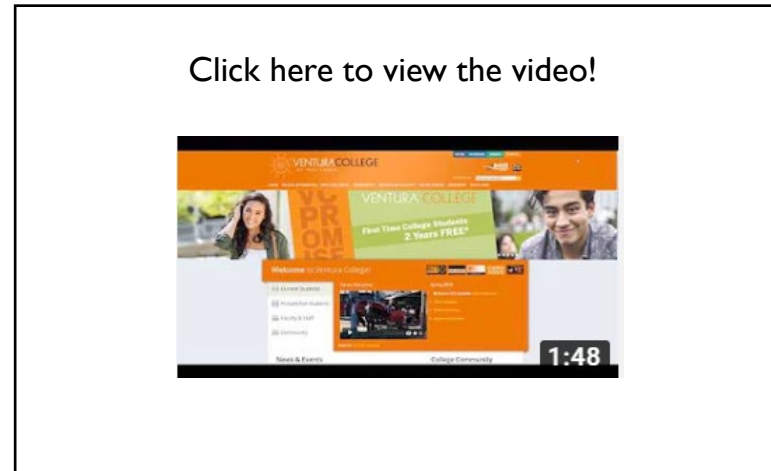
Here is an example of one of our new videos which will walk you through our new website. Some of the other new videos in the works include ones introducing OneSearch, using OneSearch to search for specific types of sources and finding course reserves in OneSearch.

We are also updating many of our existing videos, including those on database search strategies, the text-book lending library, and using the e-journals search to reflect our new OneSearch system.

Our library guides are also being updated to reflect the new website and OneSearch system. The guides have embedded OneSearch search boxes along with information on how to limit searches to specific source types.

Both the videos and library guides are resources that we want to continue to grow to meet the needs of our VC community. We also hope that faculty will utilize these resources by recommending them to their students or embedding them into their Canvas courses.

If you have ideas for new videos or guides, or are interested in embedding library resources into your courses, please contact Kaela or Linda.

Click here to view the video!

Schedule your library session today!

With the launch of the new Library Services Platform, the library's website and search functions are very different than before. Even if students have used the library before, they may need some extra guidance in using the new website. Your librarians are here to help with that!

Library instruction sessions are tailored to the needs of your students and we can work with your class schedule. Sessions can be anywhere from a quick 15 minute tour of the library, to a full 1 hour and 15 minute session that covers the all library resources. You can bring your class to us, or we can visit your classroom. If you are teaching at VCEC, we will gladly visit your class there as well!

Contact a librarian by phone or email or come in and visit us in person to schedule your session today!

Remember, we are here to help!

Contact us anytime for...

- Scheduling library instruction for your courses (on-campus, VCEC, online... we'll make it work!)
- Getting assistance with locating ZTC content for your courses
- Requesting videos or library guides
- Ordering books for the library collection
- Placing textbooks on reserve
- Donating textbooks for the Lending Library
- Scheduling a display in one or more of our display cases or art tracks
- Discussing ideas for collaboration or other ways we can support students

Have a great semester and we hope to see you in the library soon!