Hello and welcome to the Evans Library Conducting Research series. In this module we will discuss the benefits of using the Library resources versus using the Internet for research.

**Conducting Research**

**Where to begin?**

- Results provided are more commercial
- Results are not organized and contain unrelated information
- How reputable is the information
As you know, most of us use the Internet on a regular basis for many different reasons. Search engines can be very helpful for many types of information; however, searching the internet for research information may come up short in terms of quality returns.
Here's an example of a search on Google using the term anthropology which shows thousands of results. As you can see, the first few listings are commercial web sites using a slightly different wording of your term. Also notice how the results often contain information unrelated to your search term. An important point to consider is how reputable is the information.

Note: This information will be recording from the screen using Camtasia screen-recording Steps:
• Have Google screen ready to start recording
• Type anthropology (may be zoom-in & high-light)
• Press Enter
• Show the screen with the results. Zoom-in & high-light the result amount
Now, let's use the library catalog using a subject search for anthropology.

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• Type www.lib.fit.edu
• Record the first page
• Press “Catalog”
• Type “anthropology”
• Show the results
Here, e-books, and more scholarly resources related to your topic are available for your use in a more searchable amount of results. Direct access is available by clicking on the URL link in the catalog record. Using the library to conduct your research will save you time and provide more scholarly information more closely targeted to your subject which emphasizes quality versus quantity. For more in-depth information on using the library catalog to search for books, please view the module “Finding Books”.

We hope that this session has been helpful to you.