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I can help you…
• Develop an effective search strategy for your research question
• Select the best databases and resources for your research
• Find letters, diaries, images, and other primary sources
• Keep track of research resources during the research and writing process: Specifically, how to use Zotero (http://www.zotero.org/) to organize & manage sources
• Work from citations to find more sources, in Google Scholar, Web of Science (which doesn't contain just science!), and in journal articles and books.

For additional help:
Ask me anytime! Contact either of us to schedule a meeting via
Email (lobrien)
Or, contact me via chat (chat box is on research guide, above).
Or, come to the reference desk in Clapp Library (behind the front desk)!

Search Tips
Adding keywords to your search makes it more specific to your topic…but you will get fewer results.

Combining keywords:
• Use “AND” to combine keywords
  Jews AND Italy
• Use “OR” to find articles that have any keyword
  city OR urban
• Use “NOT” to exclude articles that have that word
  landscape NOT painting

Find variations on a word (Truncation)
Use an asterisk at the end of a keyword to find all variations starting with those letters
Example: diar* finds items with the word, diary, diaries, diarist

Phrase searching
Use quotation marks around words you would like to search for as an exact phrase
Example: “urban landscape” finds items with those words in that precise order
Selected Resources

Specialized Databases

Literature

**MLA International Bibliography**
Use this database to find books, book chapters, and articles on topics in literature (including film and folklore). Limited full-text.

History

**Historical Abstracts**
Use this database to find articles, book chapters, and books on historical topics in Italian, English, and other languages. Limit to English-language sources and/or to historical time period, e.g. 1900 AD to 1940 AD. Limited full-text.

Art & Architecture

**Oxford Art Online**
Foremost scholarly art encyclopedia covering all aspects of visual art. Contains articles on Italian cities; check the “History and Urban Development” section and the extensive bibliographies for more sources.

**ARTstor**
1 million high-quality images of world art, architecture, design, photographs, and other forms of visual culture. Images are drawn from sources such as museums, photo archives, slide collections, and art reference publishers. Try searching for your city and limiting to Architecture and City Planning.

Other Suggested Resources

**JSTOR | Project Muse**
JSTOR is an archive that contains full-text access to scholarly collection of journals that cover major disciplines. JSTOR does not contain the most recent issues of most journals (previous 5 years), many of which you can find in Project Muse.

**Library Catalog / WorldCat Local**
The catalog is an online tool for locating books and other materials held by the Wellesley College Library. WorldCat Local expands your search to over 75,000 libraries, including expedited borrowing from NExpress (see below) and the Boston Library Consortium.

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