Sometimes instead of searching multiple databases and formats from FSCJ’s library portal, you may want to access an individual or subject specific database. A database is a collection of data or information that is arranged for search and retrieval. FSCJ’s databases include full-text journal and magazine articles, electronic books, audiobooks and streaming video.

After you log into the Library and Learning Commons via myFSCJ, you can then click on the **Library Databases** link at the top.

From the **All Subjects** drop down menu you can see the databases FSCJ has access to are categorized into various subject headings.

We will start with the **Social Sciences** collection. This includes databases that address controversial and contemporary issues such as **CQ Researcher Plus Archive, Issues and Controversies**, and **Opposing Viewpoints in Context**.

After clearing the filter at the top, we’ll view the menu for **Health and Human Services**. This subject area directs you to databases for nursing and allied health such as **CINAHL Complete, Medline with Full-Text**, **Nursing Full-Text Journals**, and **Visible Body**.

Again, clear the filters and look at the Sciences subject area.

This includes **Applied Science and Technology Source, Biology, Environmental Studies and Policy and Science Direct**.
After clearing the filters, select the General section, where you’ll find a popular database named Academic Search Complete, the publisher is Ebsco. This retrieves information on a wide variety of topics.

Many of these databases have common tools such as the ability to limit search results to full-text and to limit to scholarly and peer-reviewed journals. Using the Academic Search Complete database. I am going to search for the topic: opioid epidemic.

We’ll look at the article “Modeling Health Benefits and Harms of Public Policy Responses to the U.S. Opioid Epidemic” from the academic journal: American Journal of Public Health.

The PDF version is exactly how it appears in the journal (scroll down).

There is a tool bar on the side that allows you to easily print the article or e-mail the full-text.

There is also a cite icon that provides both the APA (American Psychological Association) format and the MLA (Modern Language Association) format.

Use these citations as a guide only because they may not exactly match the citation format your professor has asked you to use. You should check the MLA Handbook or The Publication Manual of American Psychological Association for correct citation formatting when using either MLA or APA.

The databases will also have a Help link that will include information that is more detailed and may provide some tutorials and videos on how to use them.