

ACA 122 – College Transfer Success: Library Assignment

Section I: PCC Library Resources – www.pittcc.edu/academics/library

The purpose of the first section is to acquaint you with the resources available to you through PCC Library. Start at the Library main page (www.pittcc.edu/academics/library) to answer the following questions. **You may need to return to the Library main page after each question to find the correct link.**

1. Find and click the **Ask Us!** link. List three ways you can get help from a librarian if you do not want to go to the Library in person.
2. Find and click the **Research Help** link. What are six basic steps for conducting library research?
3. Find and click the **Find Articles** link. Answer “true” or “false” for the following statement:
When searching for articles, in most cases you will start by searching a general topic database such as Academic Search Premier.
4. Find and click the **How Do I** link. List the three ways you can get the database passwords without going to the Library.
5. Find and click the **Find Books** link. What should you use to search for books and other materials found in PCC Library?
6. Find and click the **Find Books** link. Read the entire **Books from Other Libraries** section. Answer “true” or “false” for the following statement:
You can use PCC Library’s online library catalog to search for books in libraries all over the world.
7. Under the **Quick Links** section of the Library homepage, find and click the **Subject Guides** link. Click on **Guide to Career Resources**. List four of the subject search examples provided in the **Find BOOKS** section of the guide.

Section II: Transitioning to College – www.transitioning2college.org

The following set of questions is based on information provided by the website *Transitioning to College: Helping You Succeed*, published by Kent State University. Start at the *Transitioning to College* main page (www.transitioning2college.org) to answer the following questions. **You may need to return to the main page after each set of questions to find the correct link.**

8. Find and click on **Welcome to Academic Libraries**. Scroll down and locate “Brian’s Top 10 Things First-Year Students Should Know about Using College Libraries to Do Research.” Click on the **[PDF]** link at the end of the article description. Use the article to answer the following questions:
 - a. What is a citation? List at least three elements that may be found in a typical citation.
 - b. List at least three questions you should ask yourself when evaluating information.
 - c. Answer “true” or “false” for the following statement:
Most scholarly articles do not include an abstract (summary) of the article.
9. Find and click on **Talking to Databases**. Scroll down and locate “Librarian’s Tips on Choosing the Right Database.” Click on the **[Web page]** link at the end of the article description. Use the article to complete the following statements.
 - a. _____ databases are very focused on one particular subject area or discipline.
 - b. _____ databases allow you to find articles from a wide range of magazines, journals, and newspapers.
10. Find and click on **Tips for Research Success**. Scroll down and locate “Jason’s Tips for Avoiding Plagiarism.” Click on the **[Web page]** link at the end of the article description. Use the article to answer the following questions:
 - a. List two examples of plagiarism as stated in the article.
 - b. List three possible consequences if caught plagiarizing.