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Saving You Time and Money

It's no secret that WPUNJ students lead busy lives.

Between course assignments, hours spent at jobs on or off campus, and family responsibilities, there isn't a lot of time left over.

The cost of living – and college – also doesn't leave much spare cash on hand.

With time and money at a premium, it might interest you to know the Library can help you save on both.

You receive an assignment, and the clock starts ticking. If independent research is required, your professor may expect you to use sources you're not familiar with and don't know how to find.

What do you do first? That's right – you go to the web!

That strategy makes sense plenty of times, but not all the time. Despite all the good things they do, here are some things that web search engines *don't* do:

- Place *limits* on what you are searching.
- Tell you what they *don't* include.
- Organize your search results into *meaningful categories* to help you sift what you need from what you don't need.
- Provide *summaries* of each result
- Suggest *alternative search strategies* to improve your results.

This translates into lots of time in front of the screen, maybe lots of it wasted. You may often not realize how much time you are spending because – let's face it – the web can be seductive.

But that's not all. Even after you find an article you want, you're often asked to pay. Publishers want to be paid, and \$30 is a typical price for an article. Even newspaper articles disappear behind "pay-walls" after only a few weeks.

You know how frustrating this is. And it can get worse if your paper is handed back with a message that the material you've used is unacceptable, putting you back to square one. Meaning you have to invest even more time!

This is where the Library can help.

You need research articles in psychology, or criminal justice, or kinesiology, or any other subject. Did you know that the Library has databases focused on these subjects?

You want to get the right start on your research, with some help at the beginning or at any point along the way? You want to make sure you understand what you're looking at, and whether it's going to meet the requirements of your assignment? We offer that! You can even reach us by chat, or we'll call you.

You want to avoid paying for articles you find on the web? Just navigate to the Library's site, log in with your WPUNJ ID, and say goodbye to pay-walls. Even if we don't have click-through access to an article you want, we'll get it for you fast, and we'll pay!

Spend a little time with us, and we'll help you become a more efficient researcher, with skills that will pay off again and again for years to come.

Think of it as an investment in your present, and future. We'll save you time and money.