

## Locating Sources for Literature Review

The purpose of a Lit Review is to provide a summary and explanation of the current state of knowledge on a specific topic. Therefore, the information that you find and analyze is extremely important. Wading into the internet without a plan will only lead to frustration. Make every effort, as senior students, to utilize academic databases and collections to find material that is scholarly, but succinct and relevant as well. By using our Virtual Library, you can access excellent databases with ease.

Using Chrome, go to library.wrdsb.ca.  
Scroll down the page to “Virtual  
Library-Secondary”

The screenshot shows the WRDSB Library Learning Commons website. The page features a navigation bar with options like Home, My Account, Learning, Discovery, Staff Resources, About, and Login. Below the navigation bar is a search bar with a dropdown menu for 'GRAND RIVER C.I.' and a search input field. The main content area is divided into sections: 'Virtual Library - Elementary' and 'Virtual Library - Secondary'. Under 'Virtual Library - Secondary', there are sections for 'eBooks' (OverDrive, Infobase eBooks, Capstone Interactive Library) and 'Databases' (Gale Online Resource, EBSCO Search, EBSCOhost Secondary, OurOntario, Canadian Points of View, Teen Health, NoveList Plus, Naxos Music). There is also an 'Encyclopedias' section with options like Britannica Middle, Britannica High, Canadian Encyclopedia, and L'Encyclopédie Canadienne. Callout boxes with arrows point to specific database icons: 'Gale Online Resource' (labeled 'Gale Online Resource'), 'EBSCO Search' (labeled 'EBSCO Search contains various collections by subject'), 'EBSCOhost Secondary' (labeled 'EBSCOhost Secondary contains a database called Academic Placement Source'), and 'Gale Online Resource' (labeled 'Gale Online Resources contains a database Global Issues in Context').

Each of these databases functions in similar ways. After typing in your phrases in the search bar, you can narrow your search:

- Limit your search to “full text”, “Academic Journals”, etc
- Limit your search by changing the date to 2000 to 2015
- You can create a folder to house articles you find or email the articles to yourself
- You can click on the “cite” button to see how to correctly cite your findings