Resource types

There are a variety of types of resources available to you through the Library and the internet.

There are: books, e-books, websites with videos, academic journals, popular magazines, marketing websites, blogs, academic websites, government websites.

That sounds like too much information. It’s true there are a lot of different types of information sources.

It’s a good thing though. Including information from a variety of resource types is so important when preparing a report, a presentation, an essay, really anywhere you are doing research at College.

Why? You’ll see different points of view, different approaches to a topic, you can gather both overviews of a topic and the outcomes of very specific studies.

All of that put together leads to a much better final product from you.

A search using the Library’s Discover Service provides an example of the wide variety of resource types available – these include encyclopedia results for background information, academic journals with the results of studies, magazine articles, news, and we can also explore books and e-books.

Which sources are best for you will depend on your topic and your assignment but using a variety of sources is always important.

You’ll want to review our tutorials in the Preparing section for details and in-depth strategies around resource types.