ETHICS IN ACADEMIC LIBRARY RESEARCH

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“Academic writing [is] the use of primary and secondary sources in the construction of intellectual argument and analysis” (Hillard 11).

“The manner in which you go about obtaining material for research on any single college paper is more important in the long run than the material you obtain” (Frick 205).
ETHICAL RESEARCHERS

: Work with integrity.
: Respect their sources.
: Treat their subjects and their readers fairly.

ACRL: Scholarship is a conversation.

Wisdom is knowledge used for the good.
Acknowledging your research sources shows your integrity, contributes to the scholarly endeavor, and helps your readers. The use of unacknowledged sources is plagiarism.
If you look something up, you are using a “source.”

If you use it in your work, you acknowledge it in a “citation” and list it in a Works Cited, a Reference List, or other bibliographical format.
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  journal title/volume/page numbers
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That’s it! (except for the details).
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ALL SOURCES ARE NOT EQUAL
THREE WAYS TO LOOK FOR INFORMATION

1. Ask a librarian.
2. Browse the shelves.
3. Use the online book catalog and electronic databases.
It’s unfair to your readers, ruins your credibility, and cheats your sources. It may earn you an F or a zero on an assignment or in a course, suspension or expulsion from the university—even get you arrested for stealing intellectual property.

More information is provided in the Code of Student Conduct.
In your writing, cite all material you either copy, quote, paraphrase, summarize, or refer to.

List all your sources in a bibliography.

Use a standard documentation form.

Put quoted or pasted material in quotation marks in addition to citing it.


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