Chemistry 420/421 Fall 2010 Selected Resources for Library Research ~ Sacramento City College Library

- 1. Reference Books for Chemistry. Shelved in QD in the Reference area: A few examples:
 - a. A dictionary of chemistry. 2008.
 - b. Van Nostrand's encyclopedia of chemistry. 2005.
 - c. The Facts on File dictionary of organic chemistry. 2004.
 - d. Lange's handbook of chemistry. 2005.
 - e. Hawley's condensed chemical dictionary. 2007.
- 2. **Circulating books for Organic Chemistry** (3 week loan): Shelved in QD241-441 and QD415-436 on the 3rd floor. SCC has ~ 62 circulating books; district-wide, there are ~ 120.
 - a. Use <u>LOIS</u> (library catalog) to find specific call numbers. Keyword search e.g. <organic chemistry> or <chemistry polymer*> Note asterisk* for truncation.
 - b. Request books from other campuses (ARC, CRC, EDC, FLC).
 - c. Textbooks are listed in LOIS, generally available for 2 hour loan.
- Media: Shelved in the Media Center on the 1st floor. some media available for loan.
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- 4. Articles from magazines, journals, and newspapers.
 - a. SCC has a few chemistry journals on the shelf in the periodicals area.
 - b. You have access to many chemistry journals through the library databases. Off campus access using W number and eservices password.

5. Library Databases – Definitely:

- a. Academic Search Premier; GreenFILE are both Ebsco and use same search strategy.
 - 1. Keyword search:
 - organic chemistry spectroscop* (note asterisk*)
 - bioorganometal* chemistry
 - 2. Use limiters: full text, scholarly, dates, thesaurus. Link to citation style.
 - 3. Advanced Search useful for additional limiters, e.g. Subject=Evaluation.
- b. ScienceDirect: Use tabbed search for journals. Put terms in "quotes" to keep together. Apply limiters. Limit to *subscribed journals* for full text (green full-text icon). Keywords <original research article> limits to mostly research studies.

6. <u>Library Databases</u> – Possibly:

- a. CINAHL Plus; Health Source: Nursing/Academic; Medline; Salem Health
- b. Ebsco databases all use similar strategies.
- c. Salem Health contains articles from Reference books.

7. Open source science databases and individual journals:

- a. Directory of Open Access Journals <u>http://www.doaj.org/</u> Several journals..
- b. Chemistry Central <u>http://www.chemistrycentral.com/</u> One journal.
- c. Public Library of Science <u>http://www.plos.org/</u> Emphasis on biology and medicine.
- d. Science.gov <u>http://www.science.gov/</u> U.S. government science and research. Some publications.

8. Internet. General databases for student research:

- a. Internet Public Library <u>http://www.ipl.org/</u> Find additional databases and e-journals.
- b. Infomine <u>http://infomine.ucr.edu/</u> A wealth of databases and more.

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