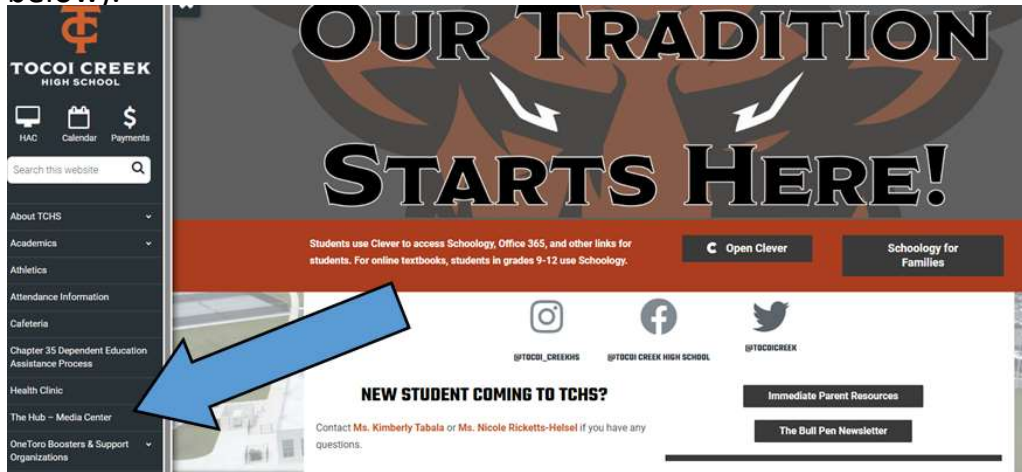


Research Tips and Tricks

- For your research, use research databases, books, or valid and reliable websites.
- Databases are your #1 best source anytime you are doing research!
- You can access the TCHS databases by going to the TCHS website and clicking HUB Media Center on the left. Once on our Hub webpage scroll down then click research databases (see below).



MEDIA CENTER



The Hub at Toco Creek High School is more than a library or media center. It is a place where students and staff can gather to communicate, collaborate, create, learn, and explore. A variety of resources and equipment are available to enhance the learning and teaching experience. These resources include books, magazines, eBooks, audiobooks, 3D printers, laser cutters, technology tools, building materials, career portals, and more. Also, while there, students and staff are encouraged to refuel, rejuvenate, and catch up with peers at the coffee bar.

The Hub will be open daily from 8:30 am-4:00pm and extra hours based on student and staff needs.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at The Hub - where education and inspiration meet at the center of activity. For more information or if you have questions, feel free to email me, Kristen Badger, Media Specialist, at kristen.badger@stjohns.k12.fl.us.



-World Book is a database that gives facts and encyclopedic information.

The login for World Book is: tocoi The password is: Toros

-Once in the database, simply search for your topic (like you would search on Google).

-Databases make it easy to give credit to your sources! They cite the correct information in the correct format (this is usually found at the bottom of the article) or on the side by clicking on “cite” or “citation information.”

-The public library has databases available for you to use FOR FREE with your public library card. Visit the St Johns County Public Library website and click “eLibrary” then “databases” to utilize these.

-When searching for information on the internet, stick with sites that are familiar to you or websites that end with .gov; .edu; or .org

-Avoid plagiarism by putting information in your own words AND giving credit to your sources.

-You give credit to your sources on a works cited (sometimes called a bibliography) page. This is the last page of your paper or last slide of your presentation.

-When writing your paper and giving credit to your sources, use the proper format. Your teacher will tell you which format to use. Typically it is MLA for English and APA for Social Sciences. The Perdue Owl website is a great place to go for formatting guidance.

-For more research tips and tricks, click on the “Research Help” tab from The Hub webpage.

Accessing the St. Johns County Public Library Databases

- Go to the St. Johns County Public Library Website at: <https://sjcpls.org/>
- Click on eLibrary at the top.
- Click on Databases
- Scroll through the list of databases until you find one that meets your needs.

How Can You Use an Academic Research Database Effectively?

- Avoid typing your whole research question into the search field. Use only keywords, in various combinations
- Use several keywords at once, and be willing to change each word for a synonym if you hit a dead end with one set of words
- Use “AND” or “OR” to retrieve more results or to limit your results
- Use the database’s own Subject Terms to help you to refine your searches within that database