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Newspapers

- **NewsBank** The Cuesta College Library subscribes to the *NewsBank* database, which provides full-text coverage of the *San Luis Obispo Tribune*.

Searching the Web

- **Google:**
  Google news searches can be customized by publication and location and include not only our local print and online publications, but also local issues covered in the national press.
  Start at Google news: http://news.google.com

  **Location Search:**
  
  Find results
  with all of the words: *development*
  **Location** Return only articles about a local area: *San Luis Obispo, CA*

  **Publication Search:**
  
  Find results
  with all of the words: *Cuesta College*
  **News source** Return only articles from the news source named: *San Luis Obispo Tribune*

Local Organizations

Local Organizations are a great place to find experts on local issues. They can help with topics, find information, and lead you to other sources.

- **San Luis Obispo Library Local History Room**, located at the Downtown Branch of the San Luis Obispo City/County Library: http://www.slolibrary.org/
  The Local History Room is dedicated to the history of San Luis Obispo County. While the books and microfilm generally span the late 1800’s up to the present, the clipping files are primarily 1960’s to the present. The room can be accessed during regular library hours. Appointments can be made ahead to get one-on-one help during regular hours at 781-5989.
• **San Luis Obispo County Law Library** [http://www.slocll.org](http://www.slocll.org)
The San Luis Obispo County Law Library provides current legal materials that meet the legal research and information needs of patrons in San Luis Obispo County. It is useful for past legal decisions affecting today’s local issues.

• **San Luis Obispo County Historical Museum** [http://slochs.org/research2.asp](http://slochs.org/research2.asp)
The Public Research Room is located in the lower level of the Historical Museum and is available Wednesday thru Friday from 10 am to 4 pm, or by appointment depending on the availability of our volunteer docents. Collections include early county newspapers, photos and historic correspondence.

• **Paso Robles Pioneer Museum**:
  [http://www.pasoroblespioneermuseum.org/index.htm](http://www.pasoroblespioneermuseum.org/index.htm)

• **South County Historical Society** [http://www.southcountyhistory.org/](http://www.southcountyhistory.org/)

**Books from the Cuesta College Library**

Cuesta college holds some books on local issues as well as publications from city agencies about planning (e.g. Diablo Canyon). Also use the Cuesta collection to research background on local issues.

- From the Library’s home page [http://72.29.182.131/library/](http://72.29.182.131/library/) under Find a Book, select **eLibrary** and type a keyword in the **Search** field.
- Online books (eBooks) are also accessed from **eLibrary**. The eBook call number is ONLINE and says Internet (for location) instead of a call number. Access eBooks by selecting the URL for the book. If you are asked for a password when accessing ebooks off campus, use your myCuesta username and login. You can also search just for eBooks by choosing it from the **Find a Book** drop down list.

**Books from other libraries**

- On the Cuesta Library’s home page look under Find a Book and choose Other Library Catalogs to see nearby libraries.
- Search the full text of many books at **Google Books**: [http://books.google.com](http://books.google.com)
- Find books at libraries around the state and country at **Worldcat**: [http://www.worldcat.org](http://www.worldcat.org)
- Get books from other libraries using the link to the [http://library.cuesta.edu/illoan.htm](http://library.cuesta.edu/illoan.htm)
form, found on the Library home page under **Library Services**. Allow 7-10 working days to receive your materials.

**Periodicals (Journals, Magazines, Newspapers) in online databases**

- Cuesta has the following online databases: **EBSCOhost**, **SIRS**, NewsBank and **National Newspaper Index**. From the Library home page under **Find an Article** select one of the databases listed above. From home, use your myCuesta ID and PIN to log in.

**Other Cuesta Library Resources**

Go to **Additional Links and Resources** under **English 201A Workbook** to find links to many research aids.

If you need help the Reference Librarian will be happy to assist you! **Library Hours**, Reference/Information Desk: 546-3157.

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