

Finding Information on Teen Pregnancy in the Library

Most important: Contact the Library Reference Desk at 674-7602 if you need help.

TMCC Library webpage: www.tmcc.edu/library.

Some library resources require passwords off campus. Database passwords are available on handouts in the library and through Canvas, Web College. On Canvas, log in and click on Help in the upper right, click on TMCC Library Information.

Book and Video Catalog:

For book-length works click on **Book and Video Catalog**. At the end of the Search line “within” pull-down menu, select Keyword using AND. Type ‘teen pregnancy.’ Instead of ‘teen,’ you might search again, substituting the word ‘teenager’ or ‘adolescent’ for ‘teen.’

A number of books are retrieved. A sample record follows:

Title:	Straight talk about teenage pregnancy
Author:	Edelson, Paula.
Publisher:	New York : Facts on file. , c1999.
ISBN:	0816037175
Description:	136 p. ; 24 cm.

Holdings Information

Location:	Main Stacks - Sturm Library (Dandini), 2nd Floor
Call Number:	HQ759.4 .E38 1999
Subjects:	Teenage mothers -- United States. Teenage pregnancy -- United States. Pregnancy. Teenage mothers.

Be sure to notice the Location, “Main Stacks,” because there are other possible locations, such as Reference and New Books (in the library), or other TMCC branch libraries, such as Redfield. “Reference” is on the first floor of the library at the Dandini Campus, “Main Stacks” are on the second and contain books in the “circulating collection.” Circulating books may be checked out of the library. Your TMCC ID card is your library card.

In addition to the Location, note the call number, that is, the shelf address, HQ759.4 .E38 1999. Other books on the same topic may be found by clicking on the call number on the record or physically browsing the shelves for items nearby the call number HQ759.4. Subject headings can be searched by clicking on them.

Notice the green check if the book is checked in, that is, it’s available, or a red check if it is not available.

If the library owns more than one copy of a book, the result list will show the phrase “multiple holdings available,” instead of a call number. Click on the title to get the call number and the location(s).

Within “Reference” are books with substantial entries about teen pregnancy. See the Reference Librarian for assistance. Reference books may not leave the library but may be photocopied at ten cents/page.

Online books are available using the **Databases and Journals** link.

Ebrary: click on **E-books (ebrary)** and follow instructions. [Off campus, enter your 10-digit student number.] Type in your search term.

Three online reference book collections are available. All require login ID and password. Use the search phrase 'teenage pregnancy' or 'teenagers and pregnancy.' The reference collections are:

- **Oxford Reference Online**
- **Gale Virtual Reference**
- **Sage eReference**

Periodicals are magazines, newspapers, and academic journals. They contain shorter articles on a wide variety of subjects more specific than whole books. To use library periodical databases, select **Databases and Journals** link on the Library Home Page.

Under **Current/Controversial Issues** are 3 databases that require a login ID and password off campus:

- **CQ Researcher** has long reports with good background and a political viewpoint. Enter your search term to retrieve a list of reports. Each includes a chronology and Pro/Con debate. At top right, the link, "CiteNow!", will help you document the report.
- **Issues and Controversies** is similar to **CQ Researcher**. Long, detailed reports include a debate. Relevant statistics are listed under the heading, "By the Numbers" on the left side of the screen. Citation assistance is provided at the end.
- **Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center** includes articles written specifically for the Opposing Viewpoints site, magazine articles, academic journal articles, news, and in some cases, media clips. Individual pieces are shorter than those in **CQ Researcher** and **Issues and Controversies**. To search, type in your search term in the Search space in the upper right corner of the screen.

EBSCO is a collection of databases, log in required off-campus. Once in **EBSCO**, click on the top option, "EBSCOhost Web." The next screen lists EBSCO databases. Accept the top two (default) options, **MasterFILE Premier**, **Academic Search Premier**, by clicking the Continue button. Enter your search term on the line labeled Search. Try 'teenagers and pregnancy.'

- Click on the article title to view the publication information and abstract.
- Read article abstracts (a short summary) to select relevant articles.
- To modify the search, add another 'and' and another term, for example, 'teenagers and pregnancy and schools.'
- Full text articles are available in HTML and/or pdf format. HTML text is accessed by scrolling down below the abstract. To access pdf, click on the pdf link on the left.
- To cite the article in your report, click on Cite in the right-hand margin of the record. Scroll down to MLA or APA, highlight, copy, and paste in your word processor. Notice the warning about capitalization. Be sure to check the citation format in your textbook or on the **Writing Style Guides** link on the TMCC Library home page, lower left.

EBSCO also has a very large **eBook Collection**, containing over 100,000 online books. It is best searched separately from **MasterFILE Premier** and **Academic Search Premier**. Click on "Choose databases" at the top of the screen and change which **EBSCO** databases you wish to search.

More research assistance is available in three places online: at the bottom of the **Databases and Journals** page; under **Other Research Resources** on the Library home page; and on the Web College TMCC Library Help screen. Look for Library Research Guides and Library Virtual Tutorials/Tours.

For help on all aspects of paper and citation format, see **Writing Style Guides** on the TMCC Library home page.