Getting Started:

Access the VU homepage (www.vinu.edu).
From the Services pulldown, select Libraries.

If you are off campus, you will need to use your MyVU username and password to access subscription-based library electronic resources.

Finding Books:

VU’s library catalog, OneVU, allows you to search for books, ebooks, streaming video content, and more. The basic search screen looks like this:

![Basic Search Screen](image)

Remember to use the tabs if you want to find books instead of articles, and use the pulldown menu to specify whether you want to search Vincennes University items or libraries worldwide.

The advanced search allows you to search for more complex combinations of multiple terms. This will allow you to use Boolean Operators (and/or/not) to do a more precise search. You can also limit by format to books, ebooks, etc.

Books and articles from other libraries can be requested using the Interlibrary Loan button.

Finding Articles:

OneVU will locate some journal and magazine articles as well as books, but in specialized professional fields such as homeland security and law enforcement it is advisable to also use specialized databases which are designed for those professions.

Shake Library offers dozens of databases for academic use. To access these databases, select the Find Articles button on the library homepage. You can then browse all of the databases by clicking the Databases A-Z button, or select a list of databases recommended for your VU College.

If you locate an article citation without full text, use the A-Z Journal list to see if VU has the journal.
Databases for general research:

**Academic Search Premier** (Ebsco) is a good general-purpose database of journal articles. **Credo Reference** offers online reference books in many disciplines.

For specialized coverage of Homeland Security and related topics:

**Associates Program Source** (Ebsco) – Provides access to full-text journals and ebooks selected for their relevance to numerous two-year college programs, including law enforcement and criminal justice. Over 14,000 results for a search on “homeland security.” Over 2,000 results for “disaster management.” Over 5,000 result for “counterterrorism.”


**CQ Researcher Online** - Provides up-to-date, unbiased information on issues in the news.

**Homeland Security Digital Library** – 31 featured topics in homeland security, news digest collection, research tools, and policy and strategy documents from a variety of sources including federal, state, tribal, and local government agencies, professional organizations, think tanks, academic institutions, and international governing bodies. Includes theses on relevant subjects. **About HSDL** page includes blog.

**LexisNexis Academic** – Provides news from thousands of sources, federal and state laws, administrative code, federal and state case law, *Shepard's Citations*, legal reference materials, company profiles, SEC filings, and information on public figures.

**Military & Government Collection** (Ebsco) – Provides 350 full-text journals and periodicals with current information pertaining to all branches of the military and government. Over 30,000 results in a search for “homeland security,” over 4,000 results for “disaster management,” and over 7,000 result for “counterterrorism.”

**Military and Intelligence Database Collection** (Gale) – Includes information from 400 journals covering all aspects of past and current military affairs. Topics include: socioeconomic effects of war, governmental policies, and the structure of the armed forces. Indexes over 7 million articles, 80% are full-text. Includes *The Columbia Electronic Encyclopedia* and the *Book of Facts*.

**National Criminal Justice Reference Service** - Free access to criminal justice information sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice and the Executive Office of the President. Topics include: corrections, courts, crime, crime prevention, drugs, justice system, juvenile justice, law enforcement, and victims.


**ProQuest Criminal Justice Collection** - Access to over 200 full-text journals on topics including: criminology, corrections and law enforcement, criminal law, criminal justice, criminal rehabilitation, addictions, alcoholism, gambling, child abuse, and industrial crime. A search for “homeland security” yields over 5,000 results, over 4,000 results for “disaster management,” and over 1,100 results for “counterterrorism.”

Some recommended reading

The Center for Homeland Defense and Security Book List is available online at www.chds.us/?hsbooks.