

## I-Search: Choosing an IRB Book

### 1. PHS Library Catalog

- Go to the PHS library website at <http://www.piedmont.k12.ca.us/phs/library/>
- Click "Library Catalog"
- Then click the tab that says "Piedmont High School"
- From this page, click the *catalog* tab above - now you're in the catalog!
- The search box defaults to keyword searching so type in keywords for your topic (i.e. teenage vegetarians) to retrieve books of interest
- Many books come with a *Title Peek* service which offers book reviews, chapter headings and book excerpts. To access this service, click the title and then click the book's cover image.
- If the book you want is checked out, we can put it on hold for you. Just ask!

### 2. Oakland Public library - <http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/>

- Click into Library Catalog to search for books
- If you have a library card, you can place books on hold at the library branch nearest you.
- If you need a library card, download the online application (link below), fill it out and bring it into any branch of the Oakland Public Library along with your ID  
[http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/OPL\\_Card\\_App\\_Eng\\_Adult.pdf](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/OPL_Card_App_Eng_Adult.pdf)
- Your library card also gives you access to many online databases which are tremendously helpful for research.

### 3. Amazon.com - <http://www.amazon.com/>

- If you cannot find a book in either the PHS library or the Oakland Public Library, you can try searching for a book in online bookstores such as Amazon.com or Barnes & Noble.com
- Online bookstores usually provide book reviews. Read the editorial reviews (not reader reviews) to see if the book is recommended.
- If you want us to order a book for your I-Search, fill out a book request slip and make sure Ms. Stutzman approves it. Books will arrive in approx. 2 weeks.

PHS Library Book Request Form

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Book (do not abbreviate!)

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