Using Subject Guides: Audio Script

Overview
Hello. Are you looking for resources on a topic? Starting at one of our subject guides can be a great first step. So, just what is a subject guide and how can it help you? A subject guide lists recommended resources on a particular subject area. It's a great place to begin your search.

Finding Subject Guides
To find a subject guide for your research, start at the Laurier Library home page -- library.wlu.ca. Click on "subject and course guides." You can choose a subject from our drop-down list. Or you can browse through all subject areas. Here is a list of all subjects taught at Laurier.

Example Subject Guide: Communication Studies
Let's look at Communication Studies as an example of one of subject guides. This is a fairly typical example of a subject guide. The tab opens on "articles" and lists a number of databases. Choose one of these to look for articles on a topic. Notice that the contact information for the librarian for this subject is listed on the side. Notice also that there are a number of tabs that you can select. For example, clicking on dictionaries and encyclopedias will retrieve a list of ones related to Communication Studies.

Example Subject Guide: Business
Here is the subject guide for Business. Although all subject pages follow the same pattern, each one is a bit different. This guide, for example, has tabs on industry, company, and country research as well as statistics. If you click on the company research tab, you will find information on how to locate these specialized resources.

Interdisciplinary Subject Guide
What if your topic overlaps with two or more subject areas? Click on the link to the interdisciplinary guide. Here you will find databases that search many subject areas at the same time.

Additional Help
The library has several other videos that may be of interest. You can find them at library.wlu.ca/help/tutorials. If you have any questions, just ask us at library.wlu.ca/help/askus.