Q: What is why and how can I use it?

WISE is the Library’s search engine, it searches:
- Everything we have in the building
- Everything we pay to have access to online
- A lot of stuff we don’t have, but other libraries have that we can get for you through a service called Inter-Library Loan (ILL)

Library

From the Library’s homepage, start by searching for one or two keywords. You should have some idea of what you’re looking for. If you’re still in the exploratory phase, check out google or an encyclopedia (or talk to a librarian to help you brainstorm).

Once you search, books and eBooks will come up first. If you’re looking for a physical book, I’d recommend clicking “Print Book” under “Format”. If you’re looking for academic articles, we recommend checking the “Peer Reviewed” box.
If you're looking for a print book, you'll see a location at the bottom of the record with the call number.

If you're looking at an article you might see a location, but more likely, you'll see a button that says “View full text”
Clicking the “View full text” button will likely bring you to the article record page, where you can view the full-text of the article.

You can easily generate a citation through WISE by clicking “Cite” and selecting your citation style from a drop-down list. Be sure to double check the citation, as they aren’t always perfectly correct.

You may find a resource that we do not have. If you do not see a location or “View full text” button, try clicking the “I Need This! (ILL)” button. Learn more about ILL.
Is this not what you’re looking for? Email us at askmcgill@westminster.edu and we’ll happily help you out.