To find relevant, credible information on social issues on place to look is SIRS Knowledge Source which is a comprehensive database portal.

From the main BHSU Homepage at www.bhsu.edu click on the popular links link at the top of the page – now click on the library icon.

Under the left column “browse databases” you will see the link to “view all” click on this link.

On the next page scroll down and click on “SIRS knowledge Source.”

There are two ways to access information from SIRS – one way is to search by subject, the other is to browse the top ten list or the A to Z issue list.

Let’s choose a leading issue from the box. You can scroll down to view the complete list. Let’s take some time to really look at the list.

From this list I am going to choose the topic “School Prayer.”

On the next page notice on the left hand side the “Topic Overview” here is where you can read some background information about school prayer.

Let’s click on the more link to read the entire topic overview.

OK let’s click the back button – in the center of the screen you see pro versus con definitions of this topic and underneath articles supporting either sides of the issue.

If we scroll down further you will see the research supporting the topic. Also notice the breakdown by source type on the left side of the list.

To read an article simply click on the title link.

Once you have the article displayed you can e-mail it or save it. You can also get MLA citation information about the article or you can listen to the audio of the article.

If you require help searching this database there is a help feature located at the top of the screen.