*How to Properly Cite a Book Using MLA*

***Basic Format***

The Author’s name appears in last name, first name format.

**Example:**

Gleick, James. Chaos: Making a New Science. New York: Penguin, 1987. Print.

Henley, Patricia. The Hummingbird House. Denver: MacMurray, 1999. Print.

***Book with More Than One Author***

The first given name appears in last name, first name format; subsequent author names appear in first name last name format.

**Example:**

Gillespie, Paula, and Neal Lerner. The Allyn and Bacon Guide to Peer Tutoring.

Boston: Allyn, 2000. Print.

\*If there are more than three authors, you may choose to list only the first author followed by the phrase et al. (Latin for “and others”) in place of the subsequent authors’ names, or you may list all the authors in the order in which their names appear on the title page.

**Example:**

Wysocki, Anne Frances, et al. Writing New Media: Theory and Applications for

Expanding the Teaching of Composition. Logan: Utah State UP, 2004. Print.

***OR***

Wysocki, Anne Frances, Johndan Johnson-Eilola, Cynthia L. Selfe, and Geoffrey

Sirc. Writing New Media: Theory and Applications for Expanding the

Teaching of Composition. Logan: Utah State UP, 2004. Print.

***Two or More Books by the Same Author***

List works alphabetically by title. (Remember to ignore articles like A, An, and The.) Provide the author’s name in last name, first name format for the first entry only. For each subsequent entry by the same author, use three hyphens and a period.

**Example:**

Palmer, William J. Dickens and New Historicism. New York: St. Martin's, 1997.

Print.

---. The Films of the Eighties: A Social History. Carbondale: Southern Illinois UP,

1993. Print.

***Book by a Corporate Author or Organization***

A Corporate author may include a commission, a committee, or a group that does not identify individual members on the title page. List the names of Corporate authors in the place where an author’s name typically appears at the beginning of the entry.

**Example:**

American Allergy Association. Allergies in Children. New York: Random, 1998. Print.

***Book with No Author***

List by title of the book. Incorporate these entries alphabetically just as you would with works that include an author name. For example, the following entry might appear between entries of works written by Dean, Shaun and Forsythe, Jonathan.

**Example:**

Encyclopedia of Indiana. New York: Somerset, 1993. Print.