Library Research Skills

Getting Started with Books, eBooks & online journal articles
What will you learn?

Introduction to the Library
Get help when you need it
Find books, eBooks & journal articles
Practice

Review today’s content:
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Where to begin?

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1. Choosing Databases

MultiSearch

eBooks

eJournals

Outside the Library (other databases & State Libraries, Google Scholar, social media)
A search strategy in 8 steps
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2. Finding Keywords

Make Lists
Use a thesaurus and your readings
Use subject tags
Here’s an example

Write an essay reflecting on a personal experience of loss and your process through grief. Apply relevant models to explain the experience and outline possible interventions.

1. MODELS FOR GRIEF + LOSS
   Synonyms for grief and loss...  Particular types of grief or loss...

2. PERSONAL EXPERIENCES
   One example from your life... be specific. Find synonyms for that example...

3. INTERVENTIONS
   Synonyms for interventions or therapies....
   Particular models, therapies, strategies, theories or theorists ....
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3. Entering Keywords: Use Booleans

AND, OR & NOT

Use brackets or Advanced Search boxes
Use boolean operators

AND

OR

+ NOT
Boolean Operators

grief AND child AND therapy

Grief
Child
Therapy
Boolean Operators

OR

grief OR loss OR bereavement

Grief ✓
Bereavement ✓
Loss ✓
Boolean Operators

AND + OR

(grief OR loss) AND (therapy OR counselling)
Boolean Operators

NOT

(grief OR loss) NOT (weight OR hearing)
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4. Wildcards, Truncation & Phrases

Wildcards (? , #)
Truncations (*)
Phrase Searching ("...")
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5. Basic vs Advanced Searching

Use a Basic Search to begin
Advanced Searching will help you find more relevant results
Refine searches using built in facets
Adjust searches as you learn more about the topic
6. Evaluating Information

Use REVIEW: Evaluate the things you find to make sure they are scholarly resources
7. Citation Chaining

Use one article or book to help you find other relevant resources
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8. Save & Organise

Remember to save and organise your research with My eShelf, Journal Database Folders or eBook Bookshelves

Using EndNote, Zotero or Mendeley
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