Online Library Integration

How can librarians help you help students succeed?

Online
- Ask a Librarian chat
- eBooks
- Article databases
- Research guides
- Embedded in ANGEL

Face-to-Face
- Library research classes
- Workshops
- Reference desk
- Research consultations

Where to find outstanding articles:

- **“Mega Search”**: Cast a wide net
- **Opposing Viewpoints**: Perfect when you need help selecting a topic. Also try: CQ Researcher, Issues & Controversies
- **Academic Search Complete**: Awesome searching tools. Also try: Academic OneFile

Enter Online Library thru ANGEL for full access!

You are the most important library promoter!

The library has...
- 1-on-1 Help
- Fun! Poetry Readings, Book Talks, Etc.
- Librarians **Online, too!**
- Writing Tutors
- Social Sciences, ESL, & Spanish Tutors
- Writing & Research Workshops
- Computers
- Printing
- Books **Online, too!**
- Reserve Textbooks
- Videos **Online, too!**
- Music **Online, too!**
- Magazines **Online, too!**
- Newspapers **Online, too!**
- Journals **Online, too!**
- Databases **Online!**
- Research Guides **Online!**
- Citation Tools **Online!**

Other awesome resources:

- **Testing & Education Reference Center**: Prep materials for all kinds of tests – GED, TOEFL, SAT, CLEP, GRE, LSAT, & many more!
- **Films on Demand**: Archival & educational films on a range of topics – no need to worry about copyright!
- **Set alerts for your professional journals**: See your LibGuide for instructions.
- **Find your librarian**: Thru your LibGuide – find the librarian for your campus and subject area.
- **Help students avoid plagiarism**: The avoiding plagiarism guide has a ton of resources to help your students research & write with integrity.

**Your LibGuide:**
[http://spcollege.libguides.com/facultylibraryresources](http://spcollege.libguides.com/facultylibraryresources)

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Search Tips

Boolean Searching

**AND** narrows a search, requiring that two or more keywords appear in a document.

**Topic**: Safety of automobile air bags.

**Boolean Search Terms**: air bags AND safety

Documents from the intersection of two sets are returned because both keywords appear in each document.

**NOT** eliminates unwanted terms from search results.

**Topic**: Information on gambling but not lotteries

**Boolean Search Terms**: gambling NOT lotteries

Documents from the non-intersecting set gambling are retrieved because each document contains only the word gambling but not the word lotteries.

**OR** broadens a search to include terms that can be used interchangeably or mean the same thing.

**Topic**: Attention deficit disorder

**Boolean Search Terms**: ADD OR Attention deficit disorder

Documents from the union of both sets are retrieved because each document contains at least one of the search terms.

The examples above illustrate general topics expressed with just two keywords. Actual search strings, which express complex topic ideas, may consist of several keywords and combinations of Boolean operators.

Boolean Operators

Words used to combine search terms:

- **AND** – limits the number of hits
- **OR** – expands the number of hits
- **NOT** – removes irrelevant hits

**Truncation**: *

Searches for all different endings such as: s, ed, ing (ex. nurs*)

**Phrase searching**: “ ”

Put quotes around the words and all words will be searched as one.

Search Terms

Use Key Words:

Use one or two precise words instead of a string of words or a sentence as you would in Google. Avoid prepositions and abbreviations.

Define your topic:

What are you asking for?

Put what you think is your topic into a search box in one of the library’s databases and then look on the left for all the subject headings. This will help you narrow down your topic.

**Opposing Viewpoints** is a great place to do this because the main page is all topics with sub-headings listed below them.

Refine your topic:

Try alternative word forms, spellings and synonyms.

Try a thesaurus.

Research a smaller sub-division of your topic.

An example would be: you are interested in the Environment but narrow it down to "green cities" or "air pollution".

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