



Library Research Methods

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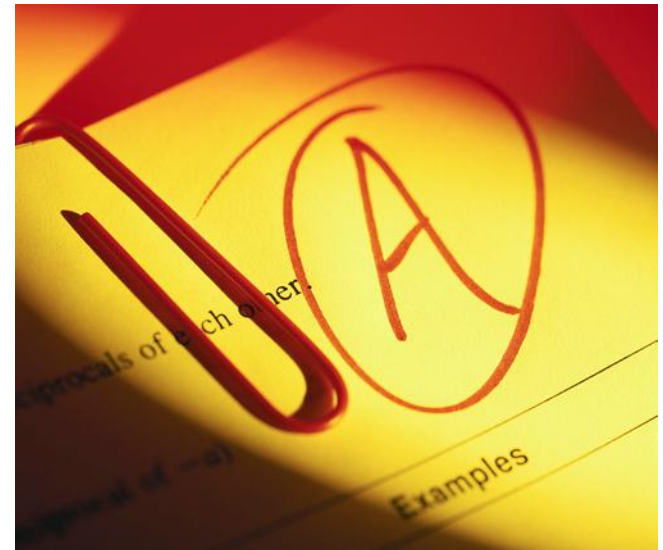
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Library Research Methods: Divinity

Objectives

- 1 Library Catalogue
- 2 Database search engines
- 3 RefWorks: citation manager and bibliography builder

Passwords

- library card (student card) barcode
- MAC ID (LibAccess) library resources from off campus/in Mills
- RACER (Interlibrary Loan) barcode
- RefWorks

Library Catalogue

- Endeca catalogue <http://library.mcmaster.ca>
- Shows what the 4 libraries on campus own
- Does not include individual articles!

Searching the catalogue

- **Title**
 - Perfect for when title is known
 - no need to use whole title (first 3-4 words)
 - no need to use capitals
 - no need to use initial articles (ie. A, An, The)
- **Author**
 - Use when author is known
 - Think about phonebooks!
- **Keywords**
 - Best when only know the topic
 - Can limit to specific part (title, author, keyword)
 - Start with title or subject keyword
 - Keyword anywhere – largest search
- **Subjects**
 - Great for finding related items

Searching Tips & Tricks

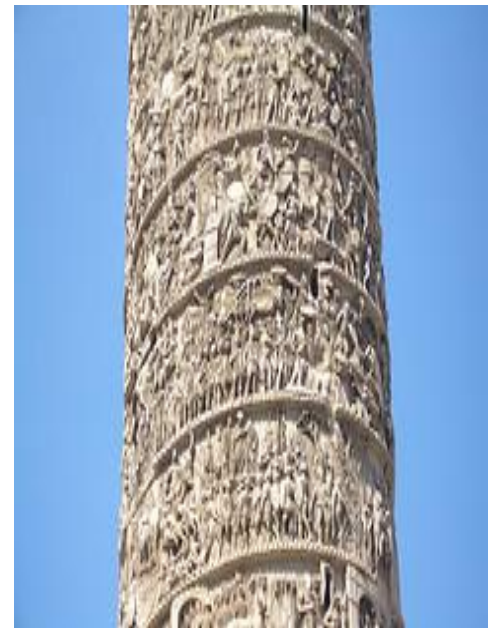
- Use asterisk symbol * (**truncation**) to retrieve plurals and alternate endings
 - Rom*
 - Rome
 - Roman
 - Romans



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More Tips

- Advanced Searching: more choices
- Use "quotation marks" to search for exact phrases
 - “roman army”
 - “Apostle Paul”



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Searching Tips & Tricks

- Pick out the main concepts
 - Apostle Paul
 - teaching*
- Combine using ‘and’
 - Apostle Paul and teaching*
- Think of synonyms
 - preaching
 - message
 - teaching
- Join with ‘or’
 - (preaching or message or teaching)

Three Types of Articles

- Newspaper
- Magazine
- Scholarly Journals



Finding Articles and Books

Journals defined

- Journals are often “academic” or “scholarly” because the articles within them are:
 - written by and for researchers/academics
 - long, in-depth
 - no advertisements
 - include references or a bibliography

Databases – over 500

about the recent changes to the way e-Resources are accessed.

Databases

Use databases to find articles, data, images and more

FIND DATABASES BY NAME

Database: by Title by Keyword
Example: sociological abstracts
factiva
psyc*

Databases A to Z
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GO

FIND DATABASES BY SUBJECT

Broad Subject

- Arts & Humanities
- Business
- General and Multi-disciplinary
- Health Sciences
- Science & Technology
- Social Sciences

Subcategory

- ALL
- Art
- Classics
- Drama & Film
- Ethics/Bioethics
- History
- Language & Linguistics
- Literature
- Music

<Ctrl>+ click to select more than one.

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Best viewed with IE 5.5 or higher or Netscape 6 or higher.

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“Search Engines” (e-article databases)

- ATLA Religion Database
 - The American Theological Library Association's ATLA Religion Database (formerly known as the Religion Index) covers such topics as Biblical studies, world religions, Church history, and religious perspectives on social issues
 - Some fulltext
- Religious & Theological Abstracts
 - Provides English language abstracts of religious periodical literature in more than 400 scholarly journals published around the world. Includes Christianity, Judaism and other world religions.

Academic “Search Engines” (e-article databases)

- Humanities Index
 - archaeology, area studies, art, classical studies, communications, dance, film, folklore, gender studies, history, journalism, linguistics, literary & social criticism literature, music, performing arts, philosophy, religion & theology
- British Humanities Index
- Arts & Humanities Citation Index (Web of Science)
 - who’s citing whom?

Academic “Search Engines” (paper & electronic)

- Old Testament Abstracts
 - Mills Ref (2nd floor)ZBS 410.O6
- New Testament Abstracts
 - ZBS 410.N4

Searching Tips & Tricks

- Define key concepts and combine with **and**
- Think of synonyms and combine with **or**
- Use ***** for alternate endings
- Use **“”** for phrase searching
- Use **not** to exclude word/concept

The “One Good Article” Strategy

- to **focus** your search
- find **1 good article**
- use words from the Subjects to get more articles like it

Finding historical articles

- JSTOR
 - Historical collection
 - Includes the entire runs of journals from the very first issue to volumes published a few years ago.



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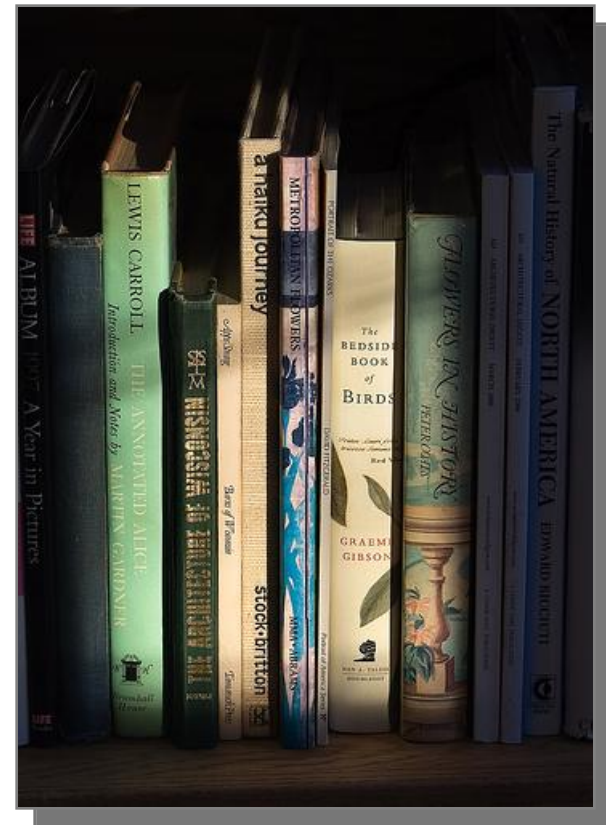
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Academic “Search Engines” (e-article databases)

- Proquest Dissertations
 - Dissertations and theses 1861 – present
 - Dissertations & Theses@McMasterUniversity (fulltext)
- LexisNexis Academic
 - Newspapers (fulltext)
- Book Review Index/Book Review Digest

Why use a book for information?

- Books often provide a broad overview of a topic;
- Books are good sources of background and summary information
- Books might be used to understand a topic initially and to provide a context



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Why use an article for information?

- Journal articles are shorter than books, therefore they usually have a narrow focus and provide specific information
- Journal articles are usually intended for an academic audience
- Journal articles are published frequently, therefore they're usually more up-to-date than books




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What is RefWorks ?

- A Web-based citation manager and bibliography builder
- Used to create a personal database of citations from online databases or text files
- Insert citations while writing papers and generate bibliographies in seconds

RefWorks Advantages

- Web-based
 - No software to download & update
 - Access your account(s) from any computer connected to the Internet
- Link to McMaster's full-text through  get it!
- Can reformat citations from one style to another in seconds
- No limit on number of citations in database

RefWorks

- What is RefWorks?
- Sign-up for an Account
- Creating a Database
- Managing Your Citations
- Generating a Bibliography
- Creating Your Paper & Bibliography Together
- RefShare
- Help/Support

Choosing the Right Research Tool

- **Library catalogue**
- **E-Resources Database**
- **RefWorks**
- **Consultations**

