Library research guide 2021

I. The library homepage.
   A. **Subject guides** for each academic discipline.
   B. **Library catalog:** for books, articles, videos etc.
   C. **Library hours.** And contact information for the library.
   D. **Databases A-Z.** Full listing of all the databases available through the library.
   E. **Ask a Librarian** Reference services via email.
   F. **Points of View** and other key resources available directly from the home page.

II. Subject guides:

Online Encyclopedias

LibGuides: Online reference

Books & catalogs.

Key Databases.

Streaming video

Newspapers

Subject guides.

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Points of View and other key resources.

Databases A-Z.

   A. Click the subject guides link on the library homepage.
   B. Select the subject guide covering the area you are researching.
      1. Top Left: Online Encyclopedias
      2. Top Right: LibGuides. Other online reference sources.
      3. Top Right below: Books
      3. Center: Right, Citing Sources; Left, Key Databases.
      4. Below Left Streaming video (Films on Demand); Newspapers.

III. Credo. Online Reference collection. Over 900 online reference works with links to databases.

Mind map: connected topics.

Definition and summary article

IV. The online catalog.
   A. The results page will list both books and ebooks found for your particular search.
   B. Either a link to the full text for ebooks, or a call

number for print books will be provided.

To search for books click on the Books & ebooks tab, enter your search terms and click on **Find it**

To access ebooks, click on the View ebook link.

To find the print book, copy down the **Call number** in the record.

You can also Cite, Link Email or Save the record.

V. Databases in Ebsco

A. *Academic Search Complete*: big broad database covering all subjects with full text.
 1. Search other databases such as *PsychInfo* or *ERIC* simultaneously on Ebsco (click *Choose Databases*).
 2. Select the search you want to do (subject, keyword etc.) and click search.
    a. Use asterisk (*) as a wildcard for other letters (ie: teen* = teens, teenage, etc.).
    b. Use quotes ("") to search terms as a phrase (ie: "drug abuse").
    c. Limit results to a specific data range, or to peer reviewed articles.
 3. Databases outside Ebsco: *ProQuest*; *Science Direct*.

Choose Databases.

Select field to search

Enter search terms.

Limit results to Full Text, Peer Review or by date.

Full Text.

Click the title to open the record.

Email, cite, Save, etc.

Link Resolver to locate full text of the article.
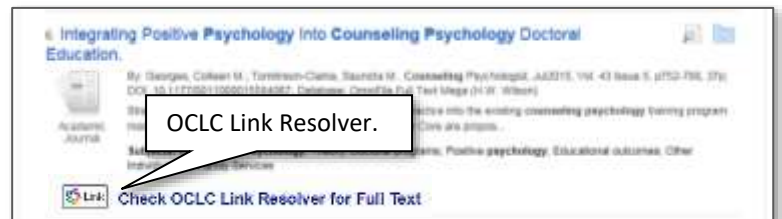
Abstract

Subjects to start a new search.
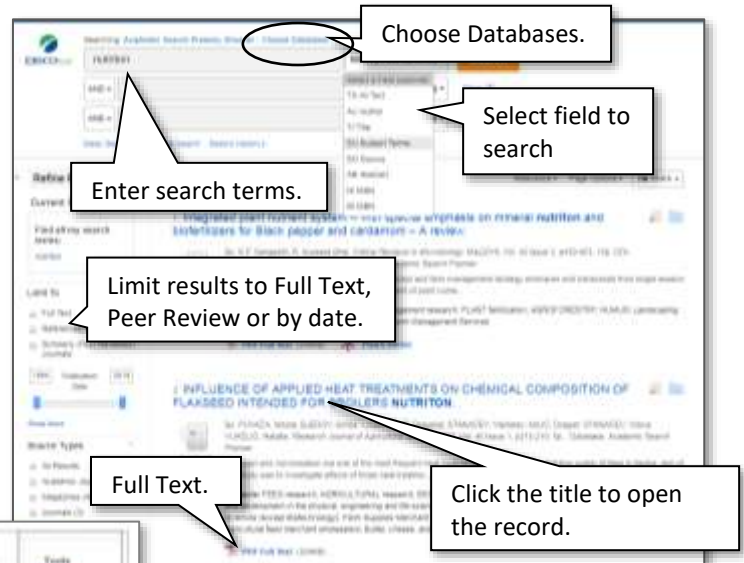
B. The Open Record in Ebsco.
 1. Abstract and subject headings available.
 2. Full Text or OCLC Link resolver if available.
 3. Print, Email, or Cite the record in whatever citation format you use.
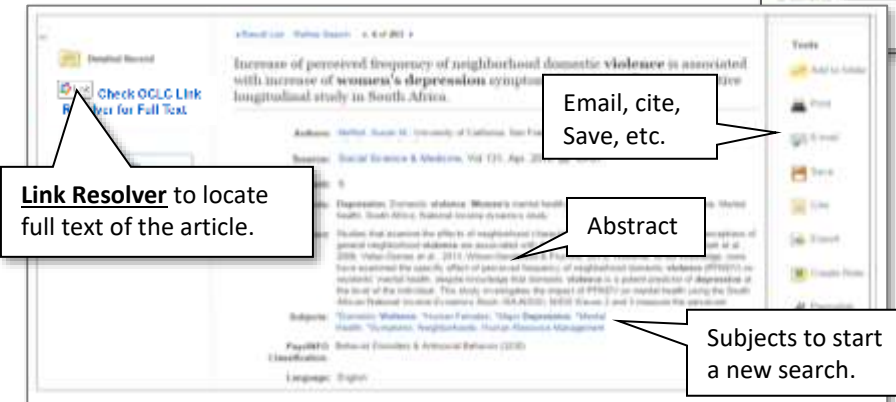
VI. Searching for full text

A. If full text access provided in a database you are in, click on the **OCLC Link Resolver** link.
 1. This should take you directly to the article.
B. If you are searching for full text access to a specific article, click on the *Search Articles by Title* link below the catalog on the home page.
 1. On the next screen, enter the article title, the title of the publication, and click search.
 2. If we have full text access to the article, it should appear directly from this search.

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VII. Evaluating information.

A. Know your source (difficult in our digital world).
B. Is the source peer reviewed?
C. Currency vs. Accuracy (Depth of information).
 1. Current sources may not be well researched.
 2. Well researched sources may be dated (research takes time).
D. Does the source have a bibliography? Has the work been cited? How many times (check Google Scholar)?