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Graduate Student Library Guide

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http://www.library.yorku.ca/web/ask-services/graduate-student-support/
Welcome to York University's subject research guide for Geography. This guide will introduce you to the processes and resources needed to successfully complete your papers and assignments.

**Getting Started**
- Dictionaries & encyclopedias
- Books
- Country and Area Studies
- Gazetteers

**Finding Articles**
- Journal articles
- Newspaper articles

**Finding Maps and Data**
- Maps
- Geospatial Data
- Data and Statistics

**Advanced Research**
- Theses
- Associations & organizations

**Writing Your Paper**
- Compiling a Bibliography
- Zotero
- Mendeley

Related Subject Guides:
- Environmental Studies
- Data & Statistics
- Geospatial Data
- Maps and Atlases

Online Tutorials:
- Web Research Tutorial
- How to Find Journal Articles
- Finding Newspapers
- Guide to Finding Primary Sources
- Guide to Cited Reference Searching
- Guide to Book Reviews
- Finding Theses and Dissertations
- Find it @ York
- Assignment Planner

[http://researchguides.library.yorku.ca/geography](http://researchguides.library.yorku.ca/geography)
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Advanced Searching Tips
Example

Environmental contamination due to oil sand extraction in Alberta

Key Concepts: Oil Sands, Contamination, Alberta, Extraction

Synonyms: “Tar Sand” OR Bitumen OR “Bituminous Sand” OR “Oil Sands”

Contamination OR Pollution OR ?

Alberta OR Athabaska OR “Fort McMurray”

Extraction OR Removal
Advanced Searching Tips

• Use quotations to combine terms “oil sands” and use like terms
• Nesting with ANDs / ORs
• Truncating with * (ex. Contamin*)
Example

Exploitation of temporary foreign workers employed on farms in Canada

Key Concepts:

- Temporary Foreign Workers
- Exploitation
- Canada
- Farms

Synonyms:

- “Temporary Foreign Workers” OR “Guest Workers” OR “Migrant Workers” OR “Migrant Labour”
- Exploitation OR Mistreatment
- Canada or Ontario ...
- Farming or Agriculture or Agricultural
Advanced Searching Tips

Q: How do I search for a variant spelling of a term?
A: You can use a wildcard search, but the symbols you use depend upon the database!

Usually, “?” or “!” symbol replaces a character:
Example:
organis?tion = organization or organisation
ne?t = next or nest or neat

Usually, “#” or “$” symbols are used for variant spellings with additional characters:
Example:
labo#r = labour or labor
labo!$r = labour or labor

Tip: Consult the search help section a database for wildcard symbols.
Advanced Searching Tips

Q: How do I search by Geographic Area
A: Depends upon the database!

Some databases index geography terms, such as Geobase, Georef, or Environment Complete

Some databases index place name terms as a “subject”, such as our library catalogue

WARNING
Some databases don’t index geographic locations. When you do a search for London, you may get publications published in London, or publications about London Ontario, or London England.

Example Databases: J-Stor
Writing and Citing

Zotero and Mendeley
Writing and Citing Guides

http://researchguides.library.yorku.ca/sb.php?subject_id=127181
Zotero: Bibliography / Citation Managers

Zotero Guide: [http://researchguides.library.yorku.ca/zotero](http://researchguides.library.yorku.ca/zotero)

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Your favourite database may not be the best one for your search….so use more than one!
Library Catalogue

Advanced Search

Q: Basic Search

OR

Keyword

AND

OR

Keyword

Find

Add Search Field

Clear Form

Year of Publication

From

To

Location

Online Access

Clara Thomas Archives and Special Collections

Education Resource Centre

Leslie Frost Library

Map Library

Nellie Langford Rowell Library

Osgoode Hall Law School Library

Peter F. Bronfman Business Library

Scott Library

Sound and Moving Image Library

Steacie Science and Engineering Library

Language

English

Français

Deutsch

Italiano

Español

Acoli

Afar

Afrikaans

Afro-Asiatic

Akan

Akkadian

Albanian

Aleut

https://www.library.yorku.ca/find/Search/Advanced

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Finding Journal Articles

Finding Journal Articles at York Libraries

To identify journal articles on a specific topic, use a periodical database (also known as a "periodical index" or an "article database"). There are many different periodical databases available through York University Libraries. Some are subject-specific (e.g. Sociological Abstracts, PsycINFO), while others are multi-disciplinary (e.g. Expanded Academic ASAP, CBCA Complete).

For business articles, see Guide to Finding Business Articles.

STEPS:
1. Select an appropriate database
2. Search the database
3. Find the articles
4. Scholarly vs. popular articles
5. How to identify a peer-reviewed journal

http://researchguides.library.yorku.ca/journalarticles
Discipline Specific Databases

Strengths
• Goes beyond journal articles, some databases include monographs, conference publications
• Provides abstracts and deep “indexing” of publications
• Controlled vocabulary/thesaurus terms
• Excellent for comprehensive searching a specific topic as it relates to a discipline
• Excellent for advance searching methods
• Links to e-version of articles in other databases
Physical Geography & Related Discipline

- **Georef** (Physical Geography, Geology, Geomorphology..)
- **Geobase** (Physical Geography and Human Geography)
- **Biological Abstracts** (Ecology, Botany, Zoology, Forestry etc.
- **SciFinder** (Geochemistry, Soil Chemistry, Organic Chemistry etc.
- **Environment Complete** (Physical Geography, Human Geography, Environmental Assessment and Evaluation etc.)
Human/Cultural Geography Databases and Related Discipline Databases

- GeoRef (Physical Geography)
- Geobase (Physical and Cultural Geography)
- Environment Complete (Physical / Cultural Geography / Environmental Science & Studies & Policy)
- Sociological Abstracts (Cultural Geography / Methods / Sociology)
- Urban Studies Abstracts (Urban Studies/ Methods / Urban Geography)
- International Political Science Abstracts (Political Geography, Political Science)
General Databases

- Excellent for getting a broad sense of what is available, but not recommended for comprehensive searching on a topic
- Basic indexing of search terms but no subject specific “thesaurus/vocabularies”
- Good for getting direct access to journal articles
- May not contain abstracts for articles
- May not capture each journal for a discipline or topic

Top “General” Databases

- Scholars Portal Search
- jstor
- Web of Science
- Proquest Databases
- Google Scholar
Cited Reference Searching

Cited reference searching can tell you who has cited (referred to) previously published works. This allows you to:
• find more recent articles which update earlier research
• find responses to an article
• see how influential an article or book has been
• identify articles on the same topic as the original work

Cited Reference searching can be done in many databases. However, the three databases listed below are particularly effective for this purpose. They search for cited references in journal articles. Each database indexes (or covers) different journals or other pools of content, such as conference proceedings. As a result, if being comprehensive is important, you will want to consult all three.

Citation Searching Databases:
1. Web of Science
2. Scopus
3. Google Scholar

More about Cited Reference Searching:
http://researchguides.library.yorku.ca/citedref
**Impact Reports**

**Journal impact** metrics measure the importance of a journal in a particular field relative to other journals in the same field. There are several different metrics employed to measure this relative importance:
- [Journal Citation Reports](http://researchguides.library.yorku.ca/content.php?pid=282644&sid=2328792) (from Web of Science)
- Eigenfactor
- Harzing's Publish or Perish

**Author impact** metrics purport to measure an author's impact relative to other authors working within similar fields. Several metrics are available for measuring author impact. Common tools for measuring author impact are:
- Web of Science
- Harzing's Publish or Perish

**A warning**: Impact metrics are controversial and do not necessarily give an accurate picture of the impact or usefulness of a particular journal or the research output of a particular scholar.

More about Impact Reports:
http://researchguides.library.yorku.ca/content.php?pid=282644&sid=2328792

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Library Lifesavers

SPARK
Style Guides & Citation Managers
Creating Links to E-Resources
RACER (Interlibrary Loan)
Lifesaver: SPARK

http://www.yorku.ca/spark/

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Lifesaver: Effective Reading Strategies

**Academic Reading**

Reading in an academic context is different from everyday reading. Academic reading requires a more active, probing and recursive strategy than does recreational reading. It is an essential skill for completing a written assignment.

Reading strategically is integral to the process of understanding your topic, finding research materials, and developing your ideas.

Academic reading involves layers of:

- asking questions
- reflecting on relationships among parts of the text
- interpreting meaning
- making connections with other readings
- refining your topic and purpose
Lifesaver: Style Guides

Footnotes & Bibliographies: Home

Style guides for footnotes and bibliographies

Proper citation is important for all scholarly work. Style guides, or style manuals, provide detailed information about how to use a particular citation style for various media formats. The above menu will take you to selections of citation style guides. The electronic guides do not include all the rules and formats of the citation style; the printed style guides have more rules and examples.

For a general introduction about creating bibliographies please consult the SPARK tutorial. The SPARK tutorial provides concise information on citing sources, citations and bibliographies, citation styles, citation management, annotated bibliographies, tips for bibliographies, and a resource called “What is common knowledge?”.

http://researchguides.library.yorku.ca/styleguides

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Lifesaver: Creating Links to E-Resources

Creating Links to E-Resources

Electronic resources that are licensed by York University Libraries can be linked to in Moodle or other course web sites and do not need to be placed on library reserves.

Not all of York University’s licences permit copyright-protected content to be uploaded directly to Moodle or other Learning Management Systems. For more information on copyright please consult York’s Copyright & You.

To link to licensed resources in Moodle or other course web sites:

1. Check the license terms of use for the item in the library catalogue to ensure that you can link to it.
2. Locate the URL (a web address) that will remain active and usable over time, this is called a permalink (persistent or stable link). For sites on the public (non-licensed) web, this usually isn’t a problem because you can use the URL in the address bar of your web browser.
3. For electronic resources licensed by the library, you will have to modify the link (add the ezproxy: http://ezproxy.library.yorku.ca/login?url=) so that any off-campus user will be prompted to authenticate as a member of the York community in order to access the resource.

For further assistance, please contact your Subject Librarian or consult the following pages:
Linking to E-Books | Linking to Articles in Databases

http://researchguides.library.yorku.ca/eresources

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Lifesaver: Interlibrary Loan (RACER)

https://www.library.yorku.ca/web/ask-services/borrow-renew-return/racer-interlibrary-loan/

RACER Interlibrary Loan

RACER Interlibrary Loan
Rapid Access to Collections by Electronic Requesting (RACER) is York University’s virtual union catalogue allowing users to seamlessly search and borrow items from all university libraries and collections across Ontario.

If you study at Keele Campus and want to borrow a book from Glendon Campus – or vice versa – please see Intercampus Borrowing.

To use RACER, York U students, faculty and staff must follow a two-step pre-registration process:
1. Enter Library User Authentication (Passport York)
2. Complete RACER End User Registration (click on Register First time only)

Register (First time only)  Search RACER

Before making an online request, please review policies & procedures - see below.

How to Make a RACER Request  RACER FAQ

Resource Sharing Department  Policies & Procedures for York U Faculty & Students

Policies & Procedures for External Libraries

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Help!!

• Graduate Student Library Support Guide

• Live text chat with a Librarian

• Drop-In Assistance @ Steacie and Scott Library

• Book an appointment with Rosa rorlan@yorku.ca
Tel: 416-736-2100 ext. 88863 😊

• Map and Geospatial Data, email gislib@yorku.ca
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