The Road to Research Success
How to find scholarly articles and books through YorkU Libraries

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@ 1 - 2:15 pm
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Quick Poll!
Agenda

- Getting Help
- Using Omni Effectively
- Article Types
- Finding Articles
- Navigating Library Guides
YORKU LIBRARIES CAN HELP

https://www.library.yorku.ca/web/ask-services/
Getting Online Library Help

- **Online Chat** (available 7 days a week)
  - Option 1: YorkU Libraries’ Online Chat
  - Option 2: Ask a Librarian (operated by librarians from Ontario’s publicly funded universities)

- **@ Email**: You can also email library staff on specific topics

- **30-minute in-depth Zoom consultations**:
  - Fill out the [appointment request form](#).
  - In 2 business days, a librarian will email to schedule Zoom appointment.
Covid-19 Library Services Guide

Library Services During Covid-19 Guide includes:

- Updates to library services
- Info on curbside pickup
- Online help services
Using Omni Effectively

Omni is a search interface shared by 14 Ontario universities.

With a single search you can find a variety of resources held at York University Libraries and the other Omni Libraries.

Use this guide to learn effective search strategies in Omni.
Searching in OMNI

YouTube: Teaching & Learning at YorkU. Libraries
OMNI Searching Tutorial

This OMNI searching tutorial will help you get started:

bit.ly/OMNI_tutorial
Books/eBooks vs. Articles

Books/eBooks:
- Serve as a good introduction to a topic
- Show how a broad topic breaks down
- Sometimes not as current, due to the publishing process

Articles:
- Very specialized in focus
- Discuss a niche aspect of a topic
- Can be very current*

*except if the article is in an academic journal, owing to the research and peer review process

Books & articles can help with your assignments!
Article Types

Scholarly Articles

Trade/Popular Articles

Newspaper Articles

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Article Types

Scholarly Articles
- may be peer-reviewed
- inform & share research
- written by researchers
- bibliographies

Trade/Popular Articles
- cover current industry issues
- written by industry practitioners
- published by professional organizations

Newspaper Articles
- cover current issues
- written for public by journalists
- entertain, inform, or influence

Learn more about article type characteristics!

Anatomy of a scholarly article (Source: NCSU)
Article Search Strategy Basics

Search Strategy Basics video on Business Research at York Toolkit
Article Database Search Strategies

Combines **DISTINCT** terms
Fewer results
Makes search focused and specific

Combines **SIMILAR** terms
Greater results
Makes search broader

**Truncation**
Covid* = Covid19
Covid-19

**Phrase searching**
“double quotation marks” for exact phrases
Journals vs. Databases

**Journals:**
- Collections of articles published regularly throughout the year
- Scholarly (a.k.a. academic, professional, or peer-reviewed) journals are a type of periodical (other periodicals include magazines, newspapers)
- Published by universities, professional associations, or commercial academic publishers

**Databases:**
- Collections of online journals you can search for articles
- Owned by companies like ProQuest or EBSCO
- Often subject-specific
- Many contain full text of articles, some contain only abstracts (which you can use to find the article elsewhere)

You can search in a specific journal or database to find articles for your assignments!
Journals vs. Databases

Database hierarchy is similar to Netflix hierarchy!

Database = Netflix

Journal = TV Series

Volume/Issue = Season

Article = Episode

Source: Ryerson University Library
This database searching tutorial will help you get started searching directly in a database:

bit.ly/DatabaseSearchTutorial
Library Research Guides are organized into 19 subjects

- Within each subject there are more specific subject guides

There is also an A–Z Database List (see next slide)
The A-Z Databases list is an alphabetical listing of 628 databases.

It’s a good resource if you remember the name of a database but perhaps forget the exact spelling.

It can be sorted by Subject, Database Type, or Vendor.
Evaluating Sources

Conversation!
Evaluating Sources

**PARCA Test:**

- **Purpose** – Why does this resource exist?
- **Authority** – Who wrote/produced/published the resource?
- **Relevance** – Does the resource meet your needs?
- **Currency** – How current is the resource?
- **Accuracy** – Is the information in the resource reliable?
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Upcoming workshops!

Academic Integrity: How to Learn to Stop Worrying and Love Citations

Tuesday, March 16, 2021   |   1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Citation is about more than knowing where to add your commas, it prepares you to be an active participant in conversations within your scholarly community and in your professional career. In this workshop on citation and academic integrity, we’ll discuss the hows and whys of citation to teach you the skills you need to succeed at York and beyond.

Topics covered will include:

- How to identify plagiarism and academic dishonesty
- How to write in-text citations and works cited/reference/bibliography lists
- How to properly paraphrase a source

Register here.

Introduction to Zotero

Thursday, March 18, 2021   |   1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Zotero is a free and open-source software that can help you keep your research and citations organized. In this introductory, interactive workshop you will learn what a citation management tool is, the basics of Zotero, and how to create citations and build bibliographies with Zotero.

* Zotero can be downloaded from https://www.zotero.org/
* Zotero Quick Start Guide: https://www.zotero.org/support/quick_start_guide

Register here.
Questions?
Thanks for your time!

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