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URL’s
UMW Libraries Home Page libraries.umw.edu
Library Guide to Psychology Resources libguides.umw.edu/psyc
How to Cite Sources (Help Guide) libguides.umw.edu/citing

Subject Encyclopedias
Define and narrow your topic; provide background material.
Provide useful bibliographies / lists of other significant resources.
See the library guide for Psychology (Background Information tab) for useful reference books.

Recommended Databases
PsycINFO
Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection
Academic Search Complete

For more discipline-specific databases from the libraries’ home page, click on Databases by Subject under Find Articles; for an alphabetical list of databases, click on Databases A-Z.

Location of Books
Stacks – all 3 floors A-L (3rd floor) M-T (2nd floor) U-Z (1st floor)
Oversized books (as close to classroom side of the building as possible on 2nd, 3rd floors)
Reference – 1st floor, beginning near reference desk

Locating Articles
Electronic Journals
Under Find Articles on UMW Libraries’ Home Page, click on Journal Finder to see if we have electronic access to a journal article.

Print/Microform Journals
If we don’t have the article electronically, do a Basic Search in the library catalog to see if we have it in print, microfilm, or microfiche.

Location of Print/Microform Journals
Current – current periodicals area, first floor.
Stacks – library shelves, all floors
Microfiche – red cabinets, first floor
Microfilm – gray cabinets, first floor

InterLibrary Loan
If an article is not available through UMW you can fill out an ILL request at www.umw.edu/library under “Find Other Resources.”

Citing Sources / References
Copies of citation/style manuals can be found at Simpson Reference Desk, and in the stacks.
For other guidelines and examples, from UMW Libraries home page, see “How do I... cite sources”

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Search process:
1. State your topic
2. Separate out each concept and brainstorm synonyms for each one
3. Combine similar concepts with OR and different concepts with AND
4. Use * as truncation or wild card: psycholog* → psychology, psychological
5. Revise your search using terms that appear in the title, subject, abstract of the results

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Academic Search Complete is a database that compiles information from multiple academic disciplines. It can be searched at the same time as Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection.

Changes can be made to your original search at any time. Always remember to narrow your search to peer-reviewed articles from the results screen:

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