Finding Relevant Resources

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What did we do last semester?

- Research Strategies

- Keyword Development
  - Why it is important?
  - Tips for developing keywords

- Combining Keywords = Sophisticated Queries
  - Boolean Operators
  - *Truncation
  - “Quotes”

- Using GALILEO + PsycINFO to find information
By the end of class you will be able to:

- Select an effective information retrieval system (GALILEO Journal A-Z) in order to access appropriate information sources.

- Determine the availability of information and make decisions on broadening search beyond local sources (Interlibrary Loan Request).

- Record all pertinent citation information for future use of information sources.
What is a “peer-reviewed research article”?

Original research, theory, analysis or other scholarly activity that has been reviewed by a knowledgeable expert to determine if information is objective and credible before publication.

“Scholarly”
or
Academic
or
Refereed
or
Juried

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What are the characteristics of one of a “peer-reviewed research article”?

- Author’s credentials in the field are established (e.g. institutional affiliation.)
- ABSTRACT.
- Based on original research/analysis/experimentation. Not personal opinion.
- Technical jargon.
- Special sections (e.g. Methods, Results)
- REFERENCES. Extensive Documentation
- PAGES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Finding Scholarly Articles

GALILEO

Articles

Journals
“Find a minimum of 6 peer-reviewed research articles... (from) the following journals...”

- *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*
- *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior*
- *Psychological Record*
- *Behavior Analysis in Practice*
- *The Behavior Analyst*
- *Experimental Analysis of Human Behavior*
So where’s the article?!

Why can’t I get it right away?
• Abstract and Index (A/I) Databases
• Publishing Embargos (12-24 Months)

What can I do about it?
• Use the “Find It” Tool if in GALILEO Database
• Check the publisher’s website for open access (don’t pay!)
• Request it via Interlibrary Loan
Be an ACTIVE researcher!

• Record your search terms; Modify your search terms

• Write down any names, keywords, or subject headings that sounds relevant as you go

• Try different tools!

• RECORD ALL BIBLIOGRAPHIC details of resources you might use!
In your future....

Journal Articles (electronic)
Body Image Concerns and Contingent Self-Esteem in Male and Female College Students.
Now you try...

- Find **two** articles on a topic you are considering
- Use **GALILEO JOURNAL A-Z** locator to search for specific titles.
- Request articles if needed!

**Before you write it down:**
- Is this **research**?
- Is this **relevant** to your topic?
- Do you have access to it?
Have Questions? Need Answers?

- Check the LibGuide ✓
- Check the LibGuide ✓
- Check the LibGuide ✓

- Or email, call, or visit me!

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