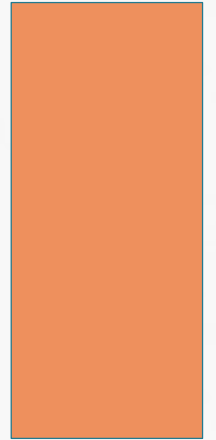


# LIBRARY RESEARCH

HOW TO NAVIGATE THE LIBRARY FOR YOUR  
LITERATURE REVIEW



# SEARCHING THE INTERNET FOR WEB SITES

- Web sites with reliable Internet resources
- **Librarians' Index to the Internet** –
  - <http://crl.du.ac.in/Social%20Science%20Resources/Librarians%27%20Internet%20Index%20--%20Society%20and%20Social%20Sciences.htm>
  - The *Index* is a searchable, annotated subject directory of Internet resources that have been selected and evaluated by librarians.
- **Infomine: Scholarly Internet Resource Collections** –
  - <http://crl.du.ac.in/Social%20Science%20Resources/Welcome%20to%20INFOMINE%20Scholarly%20Internet%20Resource%20Collections.htm>
  - Developed by librarians, this is a virtual library of Internet resources for students, faculty, and researchers.

# RECOMMENDED PSYCHOLOGY WEB SITES

- **American Psychological Association** –
  - <http://www.apa.org>
  - Home page for the American Psychological Association.
- **AmoebaWeb: Psychology on the Web!** –
  - <http://www.vanguard.edu/faculty/ddegelman/amoebaweb/>
  - Maintained by Douglas Degelman, Ph.D. from Vanguard University, this site provides links to articles and other resources on various branches of psychology.
- **PsychCentral: Learn. Share. Grow.** –
  - <http://psychcentral.com/>
  - A mental health social network created and run by mental health professionals.
- **Psychological Tutorials and Demonstrations** –
  - <http://psych.hanover.edu/KRANTZ/tutor.html>
  - From Hanover College's Psychology Department, the site provides links to many different tutorials on different aspects of psychology.

# REFERENCE BOOKS

- Reference books are a good place to start your research.
- They help you narrow down your topic, find additional search terms, and get a general overview of your topic.
  - *Dictionary of Psychology* – REF BF 31.C65
  - *Popular Psychology: An Encyclopedia* – REF BF 31.C715
  - *Encyclopedia of Psychology* – REF BF 31.E52
  - *Theories of Psychology: A Handbook* – REF BF 81.C43
  - *Biographical Dictionary of Psychology* – REF BF 109.A1
  - *Psychology of Emotions* – REF BF 531 .P78
  - *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social Psychology* – REF HM251.B476

# SEARCHING THE LIBRARY CATALOG

- Once you have narrowed down your topic, search the library catalog for additional resources on your specific topic.
- Here are some search tips and strategies:
  1. In the Library of Congress Classification System (LCC), Psychology is the **BF section**, but this is a large section, so you will need to narrow your subject.
  2. If you do a **subject search** for *psychology*, try scrolling down the indexed list of subject headings to find more specific headings and click on those titles first.
  3. Other subject headings to search:
    - Social psychology
    - Behaviorism (Psychology)
    - Psychoanalysis
    - Psychotherapy

# PRINT PERIODICALS AT OCC LIBRARY

- The following periodicals are found in the Periodicals section of the library and are filed in alphabetical order by title.
  - *American Journal of Psychology*
  - *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*
  - *Journal of Personality*

# SEARCHING ELECTRONIC RESOURCES FOR ARTICLES, ESSAYS, AND EBOOKS

- You will find magazine, journal, and newspaper articles; essays; and full-text ebooks on psychology topics in the following electronic resources provided by the OCC Library.
  - **eBooks** – provides electronic full-text copies of published print materials.
  - **Gale Psychology Collection** – provides mostly full-text psychology-related journal, magazine, and newspaper articles.
  - **PsycINFO** – is an abstract and citation (*not full-text*) database of psychological literature from 1887 to the present, the majority of which is from scholarly journals.
  - **Health Reference Center Academic** – provides mostly full-text health, wellness, and medical magazine and scholarly journal articles. You can limit your search to scholarly journals.
  - **Lexis-Nexis Academic** – Magazines, journals, and newspapers from legal, business, medical, and government sources.

# LIBRARY RESEARCH --- PSYCHOLOGY

- OCC Library:  
<http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu/academics/library>
  - To login you must know your Student ID number (exclude the C and add a dash after the first four digits):
    - 1234-5678
    - LastName
- For access to the electronic resources off campus:
  - (1) logon to MyOCC; and
  - (2) click on the link to “Periodicals and Electronic Resources”