



## ORANGE COAST COLLEGE LIBRARY

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### Library Research --- Psychology

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(2) click on the link to "Periodicals and Electronic Resources"]

#### 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
4. Using the **advanced search screen**, Search for: *psychology* connected with AND to produce more specific results. Examples: *sports, development, abnormal, or symbol*.

#### 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.

## Searching the Internet for Web Sites

The following Web sites will help you find reliable Internet resources that are of good authority for your research paper or presentation.

*Librarians' Index to the Internet* – <http://lii.org>

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://infomine.ucr.edu>

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.