

RESEARCHING AT THE LIBRARY?

Understanding these library terms may help you find information more efficiently.

Library Resources

» LIBRARY CATALOG

A searchable collection of all the items that a library owns (books, magazines, videos, etc.)

» INTERLIBRARY LOAN

A service that allows a user of one library to borrow books or other materials owned by another library

» CALL NUMBER

The number on the spine of a library book, which is like an address to tell where the book is located in the library



Search Terms

» ABSTRACT

A brief summary of an article, thesis or conference proceeding

» PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL

A scholarly journal that has articles submitted and reviewed by experts in the same field (e.g., doctors are peers that review other doctors' articles submitted to a medical journal)

» BOOLEAN SEARCH

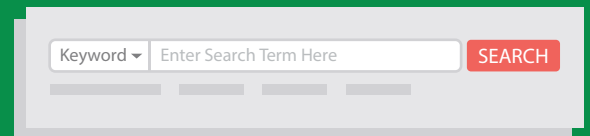
A type of search that allows users to combine search terms by using the operators AND, NOT and OR to broaden or narrow a search

» HTML FULL TEXT

An article or book formatted differently from its original published form that provides greater accessibility, easier navigation and links to related content (an alternative format to PDF)

» E-BOOK FULL TEXT

The full text of an entire e-book



Content Formats

» TRADE PUBLICATION

Also called a professional magazine, it is written and published for a specific industry or profession (*Library Journal*, *Chef Magazine*, *Popular Mechanics*)

» PRIMARY SOURCE

An artifact or document that is a first-hand account of a person, event or time period (e.g., a soldier's letter or diary from the Civil War)

» EPUB

An electronic publication of an e-book that supports reflowable text (which automatically resizes to fit your screen) so it can easily be read and navigated on any size device

» PUBLICATION TYPE

This refers to the format of the information source, such as periodicals, newspapers or books

» SWOT ANALYSIS

In business research, it is a tool used to identify an organization's Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats

