

Library Research Activity

Research Librarian

Consider contacting a research librarian, especially if you are having trouble completing this activity or finding information. Research librarians are specialists in finding and evaluating sources, so use them for your research projects. If you would like assistance, you can contact the LBCC Reference Desk at (541) 917-4645 or libref@linnbenton.edu. You can also go in person to the LBCC library or OSU library. Please type your answers into this activity (Make a copy of the Google doc and then save it under your name.), download it as a PDF, and upload your PDF document into the assignment on Moodle.

Search Strategy

Your Research Question:

Keywords: Look in your research question for words and phrases that you can use when searching.

1. _____
2. _____
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9. _____

LBCC Library Catalog

Go to <https://libcat.linnbenton.edu/eg/opac/home>

What was your first search? (Enter keyword or subject.)

Did you need to narrow or expand your search? How did you do so?

Write the title, author, and call number for two or more sources.

1. _____
2. _____

Ebooks

Go to <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/linnbenton-ebooks/home.action>

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Did you need to narrow or expand your search? How did you do so?

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Databases

Go to <https://linnbenton.libguides.com/az.php>. Then click on Academic Search Premier/Complete (EBSCOhost).

Consider Creating an Account

When you have an account through EBSCOhost (Academic Search Complete), you can keep track of your research and ensure that you will not lose it if you accidentally close the browser window. To create an account, click on **Log In** (upper right corner). Then, follow the directions.

How to Search

Use Boolean operators (see [MIT's Library Database Guide](#)) to combine search terms from above. You may want to begin with one or two key words; then begin narrowing with the others, if needed.

Narrowing and Expanding Searches

- Timely Information: If you are working with a topic that needs timely information (this is usually in disciplines such as psychology, education, and other social sciences), narrow your search to the *past four years*.
- Credible Information: If you only want the most credible information from people in a field of study or discipline, click on "to peer reviewed publications." (Keep in mind, however, that these can sometimes be more difficult to read because of the audience for which they are written.

Your Search

Fill out the spaces below with your searches and results.

1. Using your keywords from the first page, what did you enter as your first search?

(Example: "celiac disease" AND diet)

2. How many results did you receive? _____

- If you received more than 25, how did you narrow your search?

- If you received less than 15, how did you expand your search?
3. Once you have a good search, look through the abstracts of those that look interesting and could provide good information.
 - You may want to check the box to the left of the article name from your search result page, so you can add it to your folder for easy e-mailing and/or printing.
 - If the article is not available in full text, also write down the periodical name (or whatever kind of source it is), which can be found near the article name or named as *source* on the citation page. Also write down volume and/or issue number, date, and any other information needed to find the article.
 4. List those articles that you would like to read. (Note: Some subjects you research do not lend themselves to periodical sources. If you do not find anything, please explain why you did not find anything.)
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Interlibrary Loans

Go to [Materials and Services: Interlibrary Loans](#) for more information.

Do you need to check out any books through an interlibrary loan?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

(To do this, contact the circulation desk.) For which books are you requesting an *interlibrary loan*? (You may need this after you search through other library catalogs and booksellers.)

1. _____
2. _____

Other Searches

Go to the LBCC library website and scroll down to “Research Tools.” Find two other research tools (other than the ones you have already used above) that would be helpful in your research. List them below.

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