



PSY3588 - Literature Searching Approaches via [Psychology Subject Guide](#)

Search Strategies/Techniques:

- +Author +Keyword +Boolean Connectors +Phrase +Thesaurus
- +Subject +Limiting/Refining (e.g. journal title; by age group)
- +Build in Steps (large sets to smaller)

Identifying Books, etc.: (search SPU WorldCat and Beyond)

- [SPU, Summit, & WorldCat Catalogs](#): Keyword, LC Subject, Title, Author searches

Identifying Periodical Articles: (locate via **Psychology** subject guide)

- [PsycINFO](#): indexing to the world's research literature, including over 450 full text titles
- [MEDLINE](#) via EBSCOhost: indexing the world's medical research literature, including full text articles

Obtaining Items:

- [Journals A-Z](#): identifies which periodical titles SPU has full text online, in paper or microfilm
- [SPU Library](#): resources on-site; books can be checked-out
- [Summit borrowing](#): free 3-5 day delivery of **books** to Circulation counter for 6 week checkout
- [Interlibrary Loan \(ILL\)](#): free (usually, or else up to \$15 per request). 1-2 week delivery. Requesting ILL items from within PsycINFO and MEDLINE will autofill the request form.
- **Other Regional Libraries**: books can be checked out from all Summit participating libraries in Washington State and Oregon with your SPU ID and journals/databases can be used on-site

APA Reference Guide:

- SPU Library – Subject Guides – Psychology – Websites – [APA Writing & Citing Style Sites](#)