

## **PSY2470 - Literature Searching Approaches**

http://spu.edu/library/subject-guides/psychology

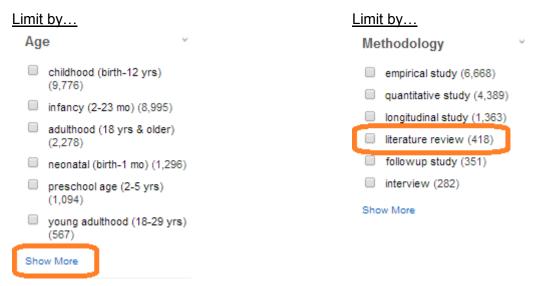
## Identify Books, Encyclopedias, etc.:

- SPU Primo: Keyword, Subject/Topic, Title, Author searches
- Developmental Psych. Reference Sources: http://spu.libguides.com/psy\_development\_ref

## Identify Journal Articles:

- **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

Searching these databases can be overwhelming, as there's a lot of research on development at all stages. Don't give up! Both databases have ways to narrow your results quickly so you can find a smaller, relevant set of results. From there, get an overview and then search more on a specific topic as needed, using what you've found in the first articles (e.g. other relevant keywords/subjects, cited references/times cited, etc.).



#### Locate the full text:

- 1. **SPU Primo**: search by journal title to see if we have access in print, microfilm, or another database
- 2. Google Scholar: check by article title to see if it might be available online for free
- 3. Request that an item be sent to SPU:
  - o **Summit:** free 3-5 day delivery of BOOKS to Circulation counter for 6 week checkout
  - Interlibrary Loan (ILL): 1-2 week delivery of ARTICLES OR BOOKS (if unavailable through Summit).
    Usually free, or else up to \$15 per request. Requesting ILL items within PsycINFO and MEDLINE will autofill the request form.
- 4. **Other Regional Libraries:** check out books in person from all Summit participating libraries in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho with your SPU ID and use journals/databases on-site

### APA Reference Guide:

- SPU Library → Subject Guides → Citations, Style Manuals, and RefWorks



# Get started on your research paper:

What developmental theory will you use to analyze your interview answers and responses?

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What other terms describe this theory? (synonyms, related terms, theorist's name, etc.)	What subjects/topics do SPU Primo or databases use to describe the theory or related terms? (e.g. PsycINFO <i>Thesaurus</i> , MEDLINE <i>MeSH 2014</i> , etc.)