Nonverbal Communication

Reference Books
Reference books are a good place to start your research. The following list of books will help you narrow down your topic, find additional search terms, and get a general overview of your topic before you begin your research.

- Encyclopedia of Human Emotions – REF BF 531.E55
- Psychology of Emotions – REF BF 531 .P78
- CultureGrams – REF GT 150.C85
- International Encyclopedia of Communications – REF P 87.5.I5

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:

Here are some subject headings you may use for a subject search:
- Nonverbal communication
- Hand or Head Gesture?
- Eye Contact or Signal?
- Facial Signal?
- Touch Signal?

To conduct a keyword search, try some of the following search terms (remember to put phrases in quotation marks):
- Body decoration
- Body language
- Body art
- Dance or Dance AND Communication

Browsing the library shelves is another good way to find additional resources. Look at the titles in the BF 637 .C34 and the BF637 .N66 sections for relevant sources on nonverbal communication.

Searching Electronic Resources for Articles, Essays, and eBooks
You will find magazine, journal, and newspaper articles; essays; and full-text ebooks on nonverbal communication topics in the following list of sources. Start with the same search terms that you used to search the library catalog. To access these electronic resources from off-campus, log in to MyOCC and click on the link called Periodicals and Electronic Resources.

*NetLibrary*
NetLibrary provides electronic full-text copies of over 6,000 published print materials.

*Academic OneFile*
Suitable for the research needs of all academic disciplines. You can limit your search to peer-reviewed publications to get scholarly journal articles on your topic.

*Gale Psychology*
Access scholarly journal, magazine, and newspaper articles on psychology subjects.

*Lexis-Nexis Academic*
Search this database for local, national, and international news, business, legal, medical, and government information. Most articles are full-text and from 1985 to the present.

*PsycINFO*
Access abstracts and citations (no full-text) for articles that deal with the behavioral sciences and mental health. To see if our library has the full-text article in either print or in another database, check on the link to *Journals & Magazines Title List*.

**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] - This site was developed by librarians as a reliable and efficient guide to Internet resources. The Index is a searchable, annotated subject directory of more than 14,000 Internet resources that have been selected and evaluated by librarians.

*DMOZ Open Directory Project* [http://www.dmoz.org] – This human-edited directory of the Web breaks the topics into sub-topics and also provides “see also” references.

**Recommended Web Sites**

*Beauty Check* [http://www.beautycheck.de]:
The causes and consequences of human facial attractiveness. This site is based on a long-term research project at the Universities of Regensburg and Rostock in Germany. Researchers wanted to discover why certain faces are more attractive than others and the consequences of these perceptions. (Click *English Version* at the top of the page)

*Bodylanguage: The language that everybody speaks* [http://www.lichaamstaal.com/english]:
Author Frank van Marwijk from the Netherlands authors this site with features on nonverbal communication through intonation, posture, touch, and distance and looks at nonverbal communication during the job interview and in situations of love.

*Face-to-Face With Change* [http://agoralang.com]
Implementation of Technology-Enabled Learning for the Nonverbal and Paralinguistic Features of Language. A list of links to resources for nonverbal and paralinguistic language learning. Developed at Northeastern University.

The site was created by Jaume Masip at the Department of Social Psychology and Anthropology at the University of Salamanca, Spain.

*Nonverbal Communication Research Page* [http://www.geocities.com/marvin_hecht/nonverbal.htm]:
Links to resources about nonverbal communications. Covers organizations, journals, and people in the field.

*Nonverbal Library: The Web library on body language* [http://www.linguaggiodelcorpo.it/biblio/]:
Includes nonverbal books, nonverbal categories, beauty, flirting, emotions, subliminal stimulation and links.

**Citing Your Sources**

- OCC Library *MLA Style* handout or MLA web site [http://www.mla.org]
- OCC Library *APA Style* handout or APA web site [http://www.apa.org]