Library Research --- Psychology

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[for access to the electronic resources off campus: (1) logon to MyOCC; and (2) click on the link to “Periodicals and Electronic Resources”]

Reference Books
Reference books are a good place to start your research. They help you narrow down your topic, find additional search terms, and get a general overview of your topic.

- Dictionary of Psychology – REF BF 31.C65
- Popular Psychology: An Encyclopedia – REF BF 31.C715
- Encyclopedia of Psychology – REF BF 31.E52
- Psychology of Emotions – REF BF 531.P78

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:

1. In the Library of Congress Classification System (LCC), Psychology is the BF section, but this is a large section, so you will need to narrow your subject.

2. If you do a subject search for psychology, try scrolling down the indexed list of subject headings to find more specific headings and click on those titles first.

3. Other subject headings to search:
   - Social psychology
   - Behaviorism (Psychology)
   - Psychoanalysis
   - Psychotherapy

4. Using the advanced search screen, Search for: psychology connected with AND to produce more specific results. Examples: sports, development, abnormal, or symbol.

Print Periodicals at OCC Library
The following periodicals are found in the Periodicals section of the library and are filed in alphabetical order by title.

American Journal of Psychology
Journal of Abnormal Psychology
Journal of Personality
Searching Electronic Resources for Articles, Essays, and eBooks
You will find magazine, journal, and newspaper articles; essays; and full-text ebooks on psychology topics in the following electronic resources provided by the OCC Library.

*eBooks* – provides electronic full-text copies of published print materials.

*Gale Psychology Collection* – provides mostly full-text psychology-related journal, magazine, and newspaper articles.

*PsycINFO* – is an abstract and citation (*not full-text*) database of psychological literature from 1887 to the present, the majority of which is from scholarly journals.

*Health Reference Center Academic* – provides mostly full-text health, wellness, and medical magazine and scholarly journal articles. You can limit your search to scholarly journals.

*Lexis-Nexis Academic* – Magazines, journals, and newspapers from legal, business, medical, and government sources.

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](http://lii.org)
The Index is a searchable, annotated subject directory of Internet resources that have been selected and evaluated by librarians.

Developed by librarians, this is a virtual library of Internet resources for students, faculty, and researchers.

Recommended Psychology Web Sites

Home page for the American Psychological Association.

Maintained by Douglas Degelman, Ph.D. from Vanguard University, this site provides links to articles and other resources on various branches of psychology.

A mental health social network created and run by mental health professionals.

*Psychological Tutorials and Demonstrations* – [http://psych.hanover.edu/KRANTZ/tutor.html](http://psych.hanover.edu/KRANTZ/tutor.html)
From Hanover College’s Psychology Department, the site provides links to many different tutorials on different aspects of psychology.