Using Research Resources & Managing Bibliographic Information

Communication Studies 610 – Media Studies Seminar

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Today

Library overview

Thinking about information sources

Introduction to Zotero and managing your research

How to search effectively and capture what you need

Citing sources / making Zotero work for you

Getting help

Library resources

library.concordia.ca

Subject guide & other ways to find or evaluate information

Use Sofia to search the Library cataloque



Search to access articles and more

Key resources

Communication Studies Subject Guide

- Subject-specific databases, books, ebooks, etc.
 - bibliographic or full text
- Sage Research Methods (<u>link</u>)
- Encyclopedias and dictionaries
- Guides for courses, projects, writing, citation, etc.
- Librarian contact information

Avoid paywalls & access problems by connecting to these databases through the library website.

Go to the top menu:

Help & How-To -> Subject & course guides -> Communication Studies
Look under the **Humanities** heading

Document types to consider

Peer-reviewed articles in scholarly journals

(e)Books (slower publication cycle, often more theoretical)

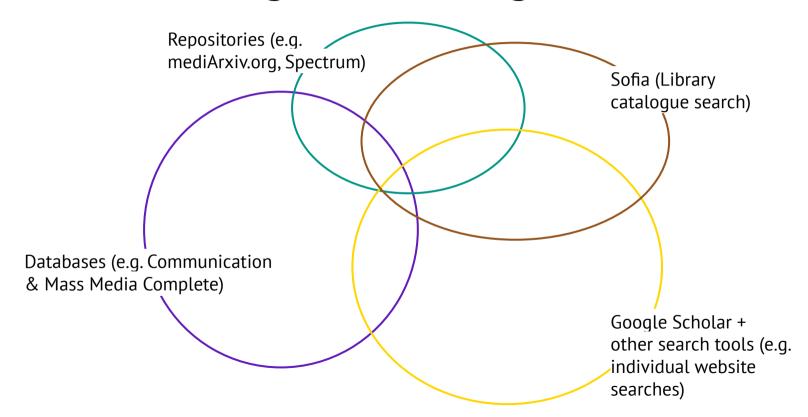
Preprints

Government or legal documents and reports

NGO documents and reports

Non-traditional publications (more difficult to find)
e.g. Index of DH Conferences or Reviews in Digital Humanities Project Registry

Sources for finding and accessing research?

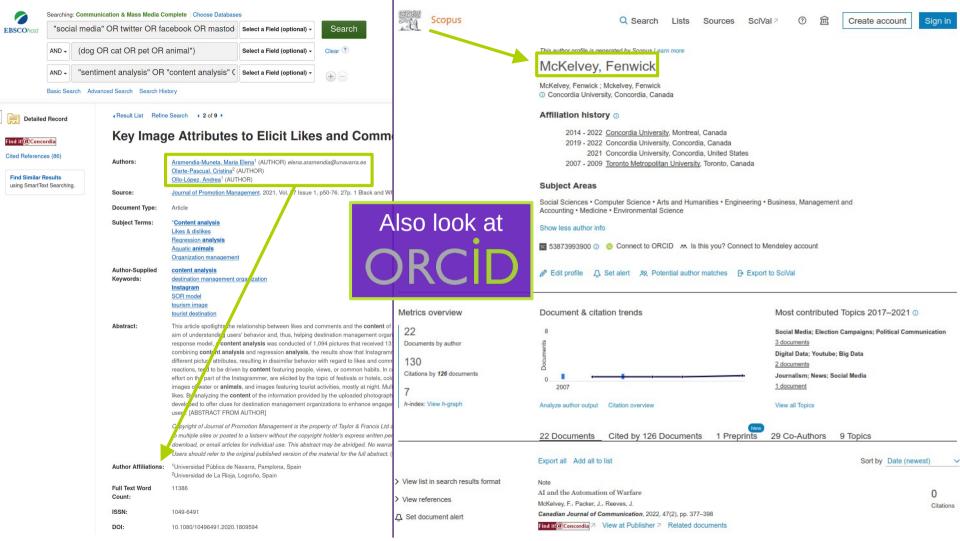


Ask what these things mean, in what contexts?

- Who published the document? Motivation? Audience?
 - o government vs. non-profit org vs. researcher vs. trade association

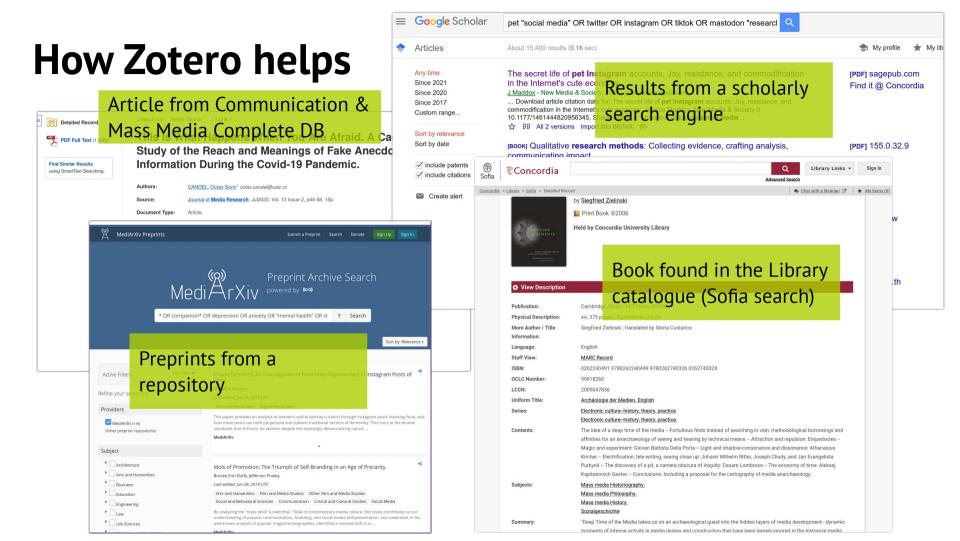
Library guide: Evaluating research

- About page on a website
 - history / mission / members / funding sources?
- Official government symbols, report numbers
- Contact information (URL, institution, etc.)
- Dates of publication, techniques of dissemination?
- Contains information that increases/challenges what you know? Surprised? Changed your POV? Re-evaluated an assumption?

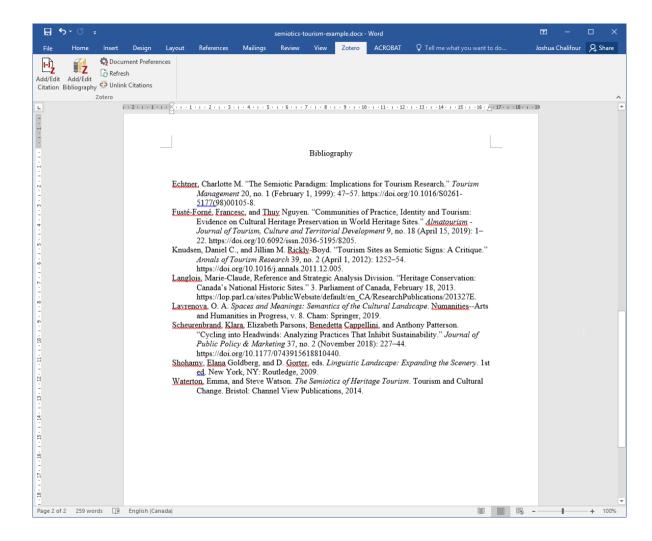


Organizing your research

zotero



Zotero gives you this:



Demonstration: Zotero interface & groups



Activity 1: Verify that you're set to work with Zotero

- 1) Make sure you've registered at https://www.zotero.org
- 2) Check installation of the Browser Connector (Firefox or Chrome) Tools menu
- 3) Start the desktop application & go to your **Preferences**, click the **Sync** tab, and ensure that you're signed into your account for **data syncing**. You can *deselect "file syncing*" if you want to save your cloud storage space.

You should be logged-in to your account:

- Web browser
- Zotero website
- Zotero desktop application

Activity 2: Join the Group Library

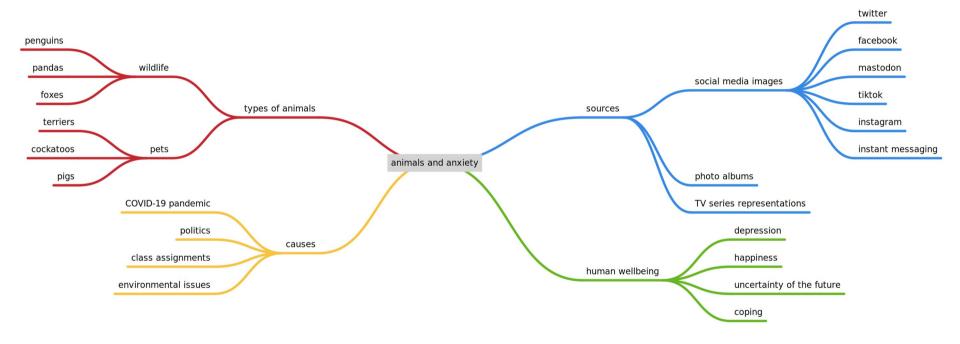
1) Go to the group library for this class:

https://colibris.link/7peR8

- 2) Click the button (right side of the page) to **Join** the group
- 3) You can work as teams. **Create a collection** (folder) *in the group library* for your team's references.

Deciding what to look for and finding it

A question to focus our search



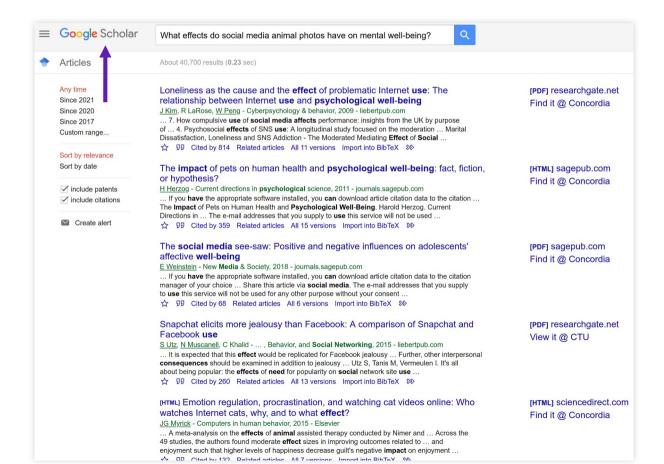
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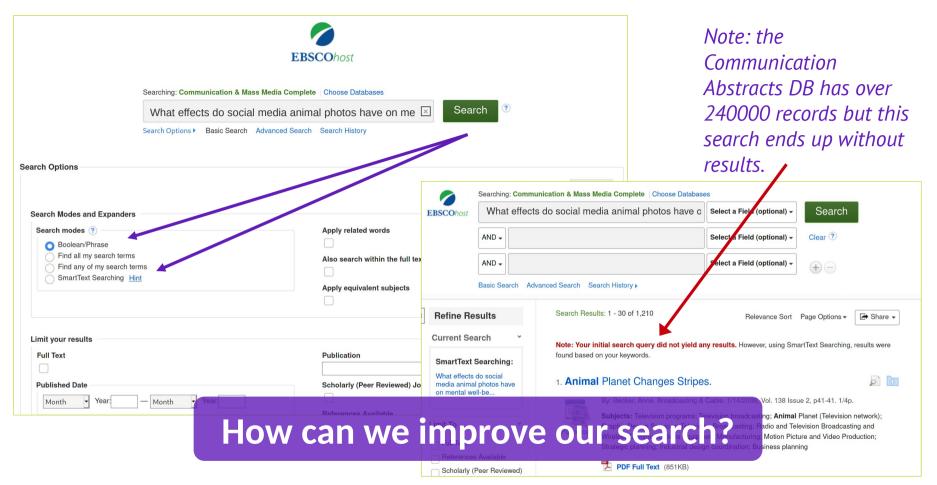
Activity 3: Research question

- 1) Brainstorm aspects of your topic
- 2) Write down the main things you'd like to explore
- 3) Draft a question to start researching
 - Rename your collection in Zotero to correspond with your idea

Searching

What effects do social media animal photos have on mental well-being?





1042 sources of articles (journals), why no initial results?

Identify key concepts



Tools

Download a template to keep track of sources and terms that you use in your search strategy.

Microsoft Excel format (.xlsx)

• Search strategy template

Search strategy template

Search strategy template (simplified)

Brainstorm & track related terms

Search strategy template (simplified)

Creating a search strategy

How do animal photos shared on social media, affect mental well-being?

Concept 1 OR Synonym

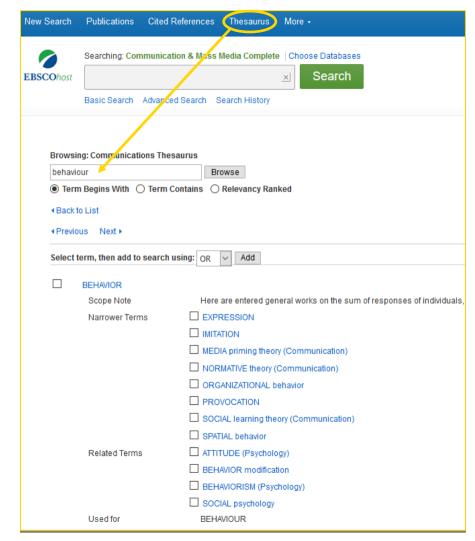
AND Concept 2 OR Synonym

AND Concept 3 OR Synonym

Boolean operators

AND Narrows search OR Broadens search **NOT** Narrows search

Controlled vocabulary of the database



Try also:

wordnik.com thesaurus.com wikipedia.org

Search expressions and strategy

Search tip: truncation

wellness = wellness

well* = well OR wellness OR well-being OR wellbeing

Search expressions and strategy

Search tip: quotation marks

social media = social AND media

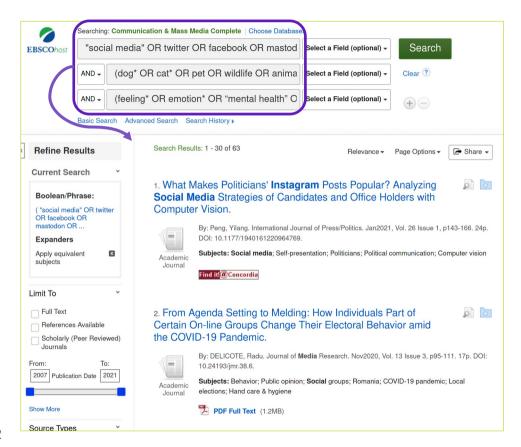
"social media" = phrase search

Synonyms (OR field) with more terms helped expand our results

"social media" OR twitter OR facebook OR mastodon OR instagram OR tiktok

(dog* OR cat OR pet OR wildlife OR animal*) AND (photo* OR picture* OR image* OR video*)

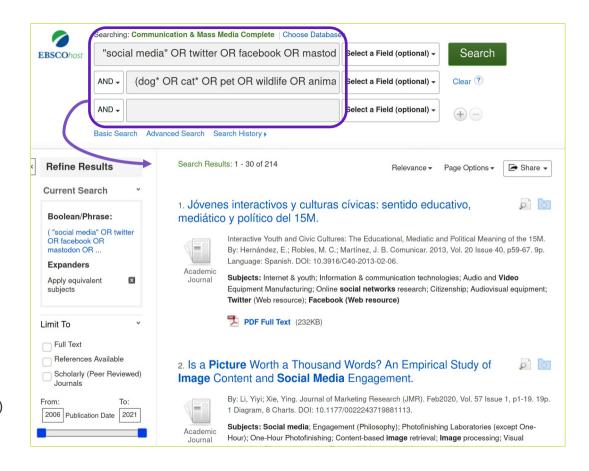
(feeling* OR emotion* OR "mental health" OR well* OR depression OR happ* OR anxi*)



Fewer concepts (AND fields) retrieves more results but these may be less precise

"social media" OR twitter OR facebook OR mastodon OR instagram OR tiktok

(dog* OR cat OR pet OR wildlife OR animal*) AND (photo* OR picture* OR image* OR video*)



Search expressions and strategy

Search tip: proximity (near/within)

tourist behaviour → tour* AND behav*

- We live in Montreal but behave just like crazy tourists every weekend.
- "Behave yourself!" Said the boy's mother during the museum tour.

tour* **N2** behave* = max. 2 words between tour* **W2** behave* = max. 2 words between & in order

Use limits to filter results



Capturing bibliographic information & Getting documents into Zotero (demo)



I found an article I want in (e.g.) the Communication Abstracts DB. How do I get the full text?

1. PDF Full text link

- 2. Find it! @ Concordia button
- 3. Request through **Interlibrary Loan**
- **4. Ask a Librarian** if you need help

1. Antecedents of memorable tourism experie



By: Coudounaris, Dafnis N.; Sthapit, Erose, Psycholo 10.1002/mar.21048

Subjects: ROVANIEMI (Finland): FINLAND: All Other A Campgrounds); RV (Recreational Vehicle) Parks and Convention and Visitors Bureaus: Hotels (except Cas



PDF Full Text



PlumX Metrics

A hedonic motivation model in virtual reality



By: Kim, Myung Ja; Hall, C. Michael, International Jour 10.1016/j.ijinfomgt.2018.11.016

Subjects: VIRTUAL reality: VIRTUAL tourism: INFORM

Cited References: (117)









Concordia > Library > Sofia > Find full text

ISSN: 1940-1612



What Makes Politicians' Instagram Posts Popular? Analyzing Social Media Strategies of Candida Computer Vision.

Coverage: 2008-01-01~present; volume:13~present;issue:1~present





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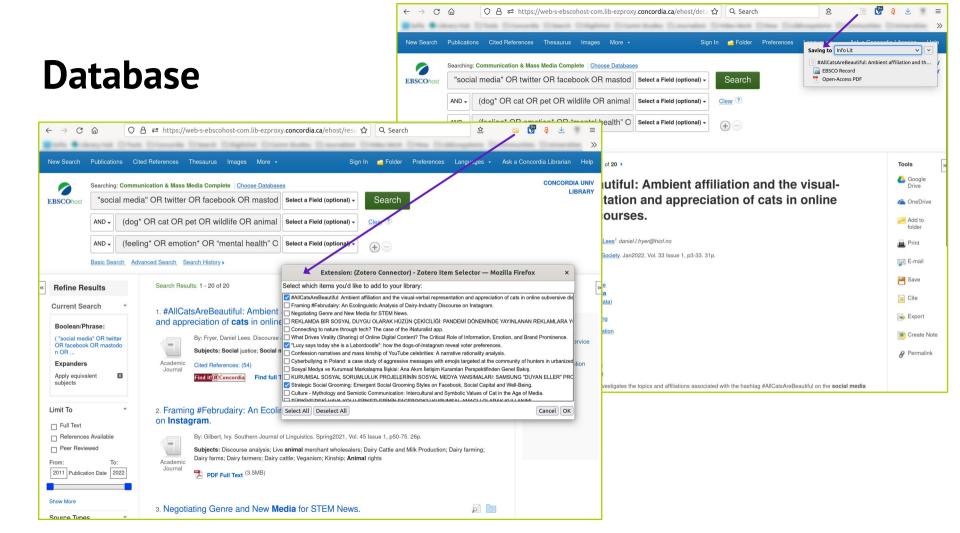
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Use **Sofia** to search the **Library catalogue:**

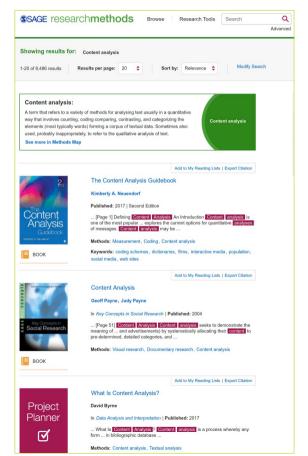
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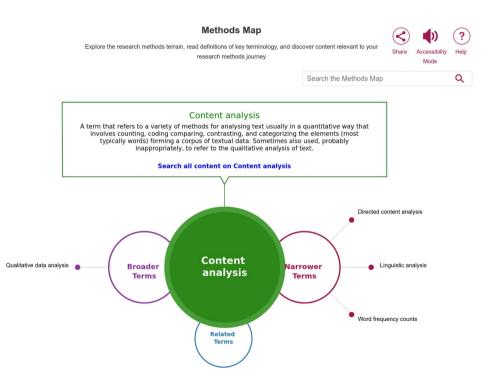
Search using an expression like you would for databases:

- 1) Break question into research topics
- 2) Brainstorm search terms and synonyms
- 3) Create an expression with the concepts and synonyms using **AND** and **OR** operators
- 4) Use filters to **refine** your search for the materials you need

Sage Research Methods database



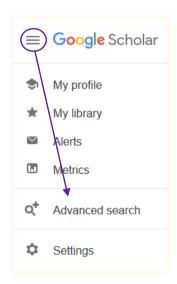
What research methods are discussed in literature relevant to your topic? <u>e.g.</u>



https://methods-sagepub-com.lib-ezproxy.concordia.ca

Tips for using https://scholar.google.ca





Google Scholar Tips



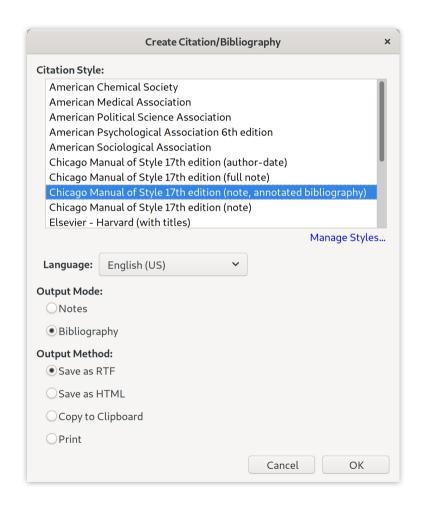
Activity 4: Key concepts, search, capture in Zotero

- 1) Identify the key concepts in your question
- 2) Write down a list of synonyms for each
- 3) Create search expressions in at least one **database** and in **Sofia**
 - Import some items (articles, book) to your Zotero collection
- 4) Try searching for the same topic using Google Scholar
 - Import some references to your Zotero collection

Citing sources & making bibliographies

Creating a bibliography ZOTEIO

- Easily insert citations while you're writing
- Create a bibliography for you in Chicago style, MLA, APA, or hundreds of other styles
- Collaborate using a shared, library of sources and word processor



Activity 5: Make a bibliography

Create a shared Google Doc with your team:

https://docs.google.com

- 1) Write something that explains what your reference is about.
- 2) Insert a citation for this text, using Google Docs' Zotero menu
- 3) Update the bibliography

Questions? How to get more help.

- In person at the Reference desk (Vanier) or Ask Us! desk (Webster)
- Subject guide
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