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Introduction to Library Resources Concordia Journalism Diploma

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Agenda

The Concordia Library's spaces

Types of resources and their uses

Where and how to look for resources

Practice searching the Library's collections

Citing and additional research resources

Library buildings

3 buildings: Vanier (Loyola) + Webster & Grey Nuns (downtown)

Most journalism-related materials are here

3 floors

- 1st floor has circulation and reference desks
- 1st and 2nd have computer workstations
- o main stacks and study rooms on the 2nd and 3rd

Webster has similar facilities +

- Presentation practice rooms
- Tech sandbox
- visualization studio

Types of resources

Print and electronic versions of:

Reference sources

Monographs (books)

Serial publications and periodicals

- ° academic journals
- oppular and trade magazines
- ° newspapers

Other sources, especially online

Reference sources

Dictionaries, encyclopedias, & handbooks

For checking facts

- definitions and meanings
- dates of historical events
- how something is done

For an introduction to a topic
Statistics, almanacs, biographies
Business information, etc.



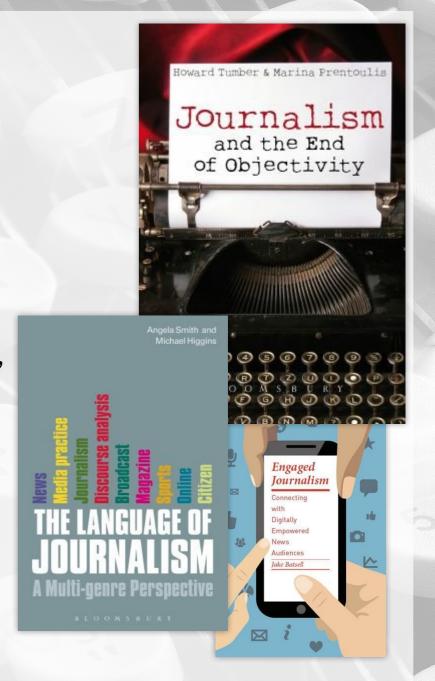
Monographs

Single, comprehensive works on a specific topic

Written by one author or many

Cover many aspects; provide an overview of the history, research, and viewpoints

Academic monographs written by authors with domain expertise and are thoroughly edited



Serials: academic journals

Comprise multiple, separate articles by different authors

Focus on a subject area

Authors are experts, articles are (typically) peer-reviewed

Audience is other experts in the field

Often report and discuss findings of one investigation

- original research, specific research question
- ° narrower focus, greater detail

More current than books



Comprise multiple articles—may or may not be on related topics

Not necessarily written by subject experts

Intended for a broader public audience

For information or entertainment

Primary sources that provide evidence of events, how they are discussed / popular perspectives

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De Rimouski à Alger



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SOCIAL MEDIA



Other types of sources

Government documents and reports

Data and statistics

Legal information: rulings, statutes, regulations

NGO publications

Consider different formats:

Audio and video sources

Often online—verifying these sources is essential

Beginning your search

Determine keywords and concepts

Identify synonyms

Start with what you have:

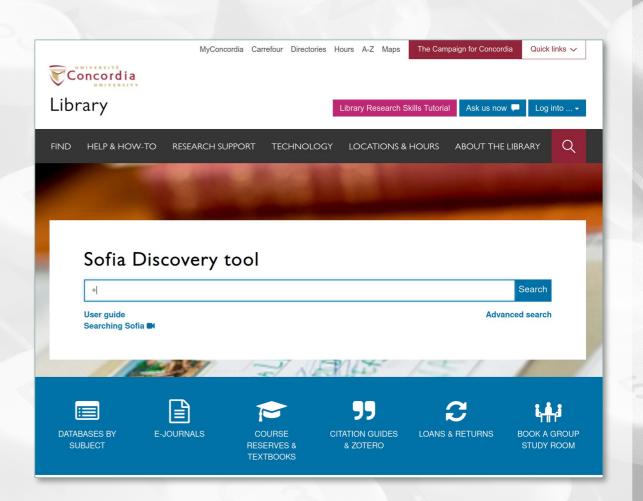
- oknown titles
- oknown authors
- ° citations from articles or book chapters
- o...check a reference source!

Choose where to search according to resource type

Where to find resources

From the home page:

- Library catalogue (named Sofia)
 - Advanced search
- Databases
- Subject guides



SEARCH TECHNIQUES

Search techniques

When searching for phrases, use quotation marks:

- ° for example, "News of the World"
- o therwise, searches for all words separately

Change the search field:

- ° Keyword
- ° Title
- ° Subject
- ° Author
- ° etc.

Search techniques - 2

Search for variant word endings with *

Journal* = journals or journalism or journalist, etc.

Or missing / alternative words:

"chief * officer" = chief **executive** officer or chief **financial** officer or chief **operating** officer

This does not work for every database

Search techniques - 3

Boolean operators:

AND: words on either side must be present

Uber AND taxi

OR: one of two words must be present

ofilm OR movie

Search techniques - 4

Boolean operators:

NOT: omits results containing the following word

odocumentary NOT film

Nest multiple operators with parentheses:

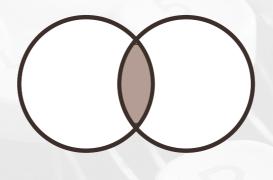
- odocumentary AND (film OR photography)
- ° Different than: documentary AND film OR photography

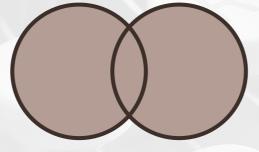
Search techniques: Boolean operators

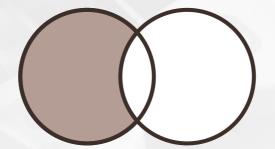
AND

OR

NOT







Narrows search

Broadens search

Narrows search

Searching: reference sources

Reference sources can be found in the Library catalogue using keywords for type and topic, ie:

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Encyclop*, dictionary*, handbook*AND
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OMedia, communication*, journalis*

Subject guides feature pre-selected reference titles

 On the journalism subject guide, under "Reference Books About Journalism," click "More..."

Searching: Sofia (Library catalogue)

Search for keywords, titles, authors, subjects

Find similar materials using the subject heading links

Apply Boolean operators to expand or focus your search

Try the catalogue's filters material type and location

Searching: journal databases

Subject-specific databases (DB) of academic journal articles (+ other documents)

Find DBs through the:

- Databases by subject (via library homepage)
- Sofia (library catalogue)
- Subject guides (by discipline)

Interfaces look different but work similarly

Specialized filters for search results

Searching: news databases

Similar to article databases in look and function

There may be delays on the content

Sometimes only plain-text is available, but sometimes an image of the article as-printed is available

Two specialized databases to know of are **Eureka.cc** (good for Canadian and Québécois content) and **Factiva**, which includes business information

Online sources

Include statistics, government documents, legal information, and more

Links to many reliable sources can be found on library subject guides

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH HELP & CITING

Reviewing the Sofia search

Searches many different types of library resources simultaneously but not all

Attention is required to differentiate items in results

Many filters are available to help with this

Good for known item searching

Not a one-stop solution

Evaluating sources online

Authorship

° Is the author qualified?

° Reputable?

Intended audience? Purpose? ...bias?

Authenticity?

Currency?

Accuracy—are claims verifiable?

• Are references provided?

Advanced Google searching

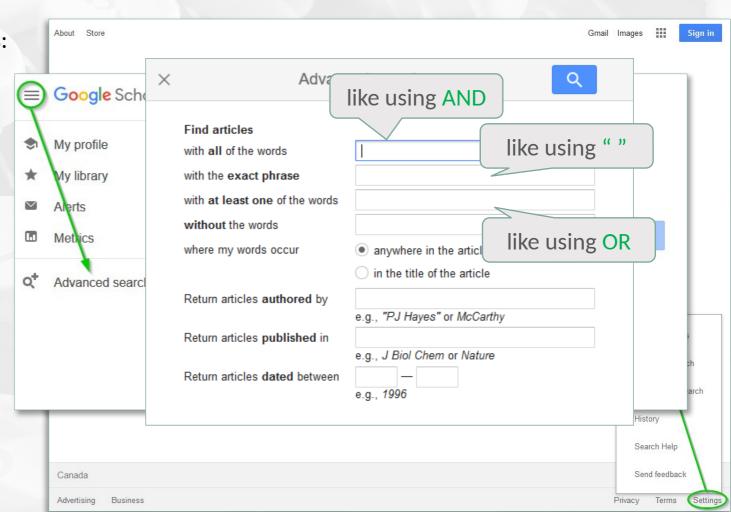
Google recognizes some search operators:

There is an advanced search page

Useful search options after-the-fact:

- Region
- Date / time
- Verbatim search results

Be aware of "personalized" results



Different approaches to attribution...

Journalism

according to John Doe

Don't attribute

- ° Facts
- Verifiable independently

Do attribute

- Opinions / points of view
- Information that might change
- Allegations
- For credibility

Academic writing

Don't attribute

- Facts
- Common knowledge
- Events, dates, etc.

Do attribute

- A copy of the text from another document, web site, or book
- Paraphrasing someone's words or idea
- Images, graphs, etc.

Citing work in an academic context

To credit original authors, show that work is supported by research, and let others follow-up

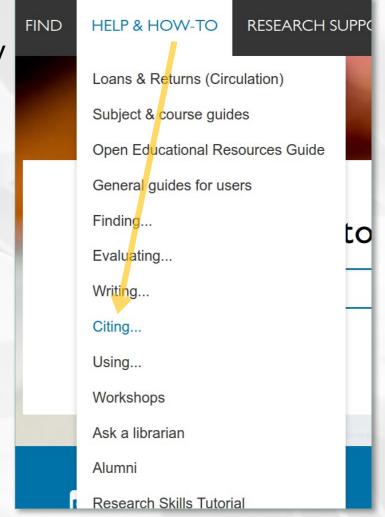
Concordia how-to guides on academic citing

https://library.concordia.ca/help/citing/

Directly from the style guides

Other institutions' sites, especially **Purdue OWL**

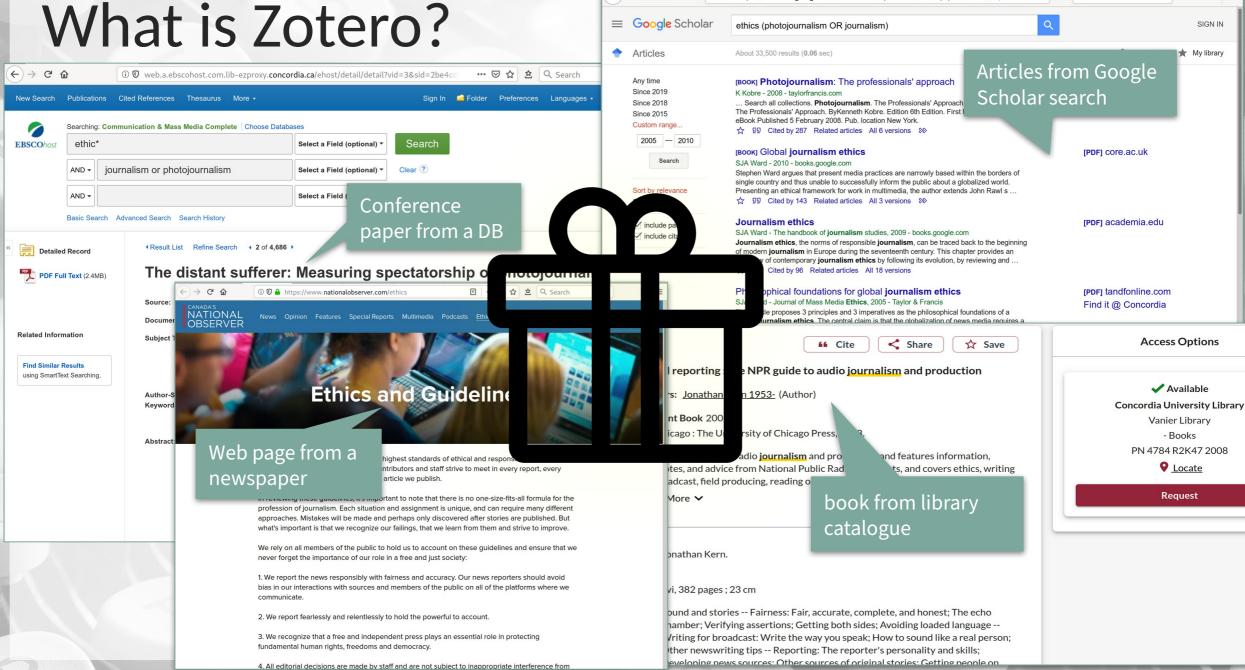
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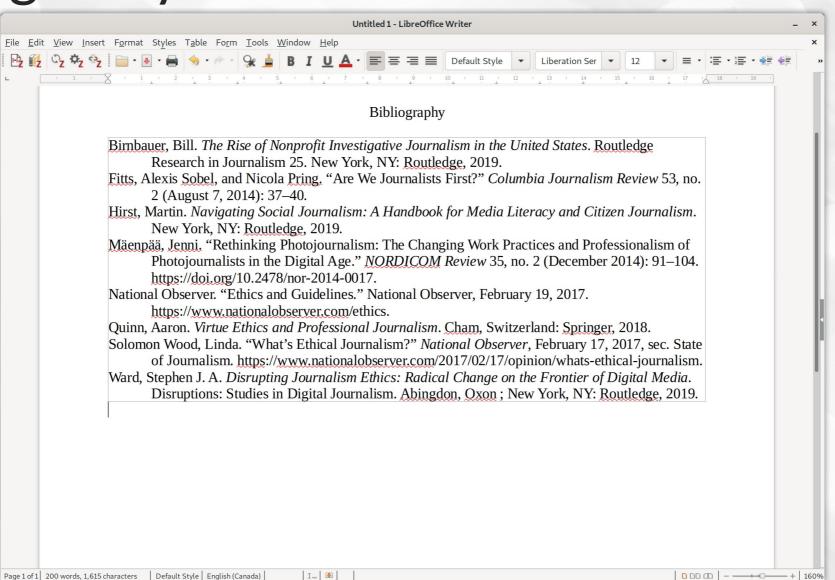


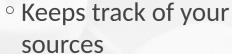
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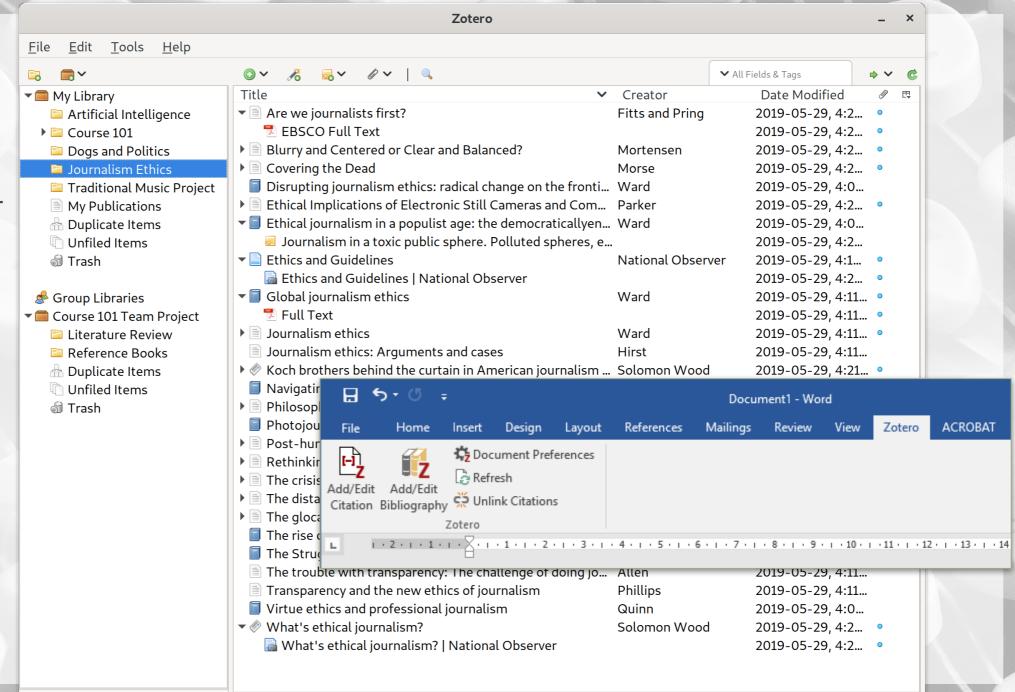
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Getting help

In person at the reference desk

Consult a librarian

Subject guides

Online chat



