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Introduction to Concordia Library Resources for Journalism Students

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Agenda

The Concordia Library spaces

Basic search techniques & sources of information

Practice searching the library's collections

Databases

Other sources of information

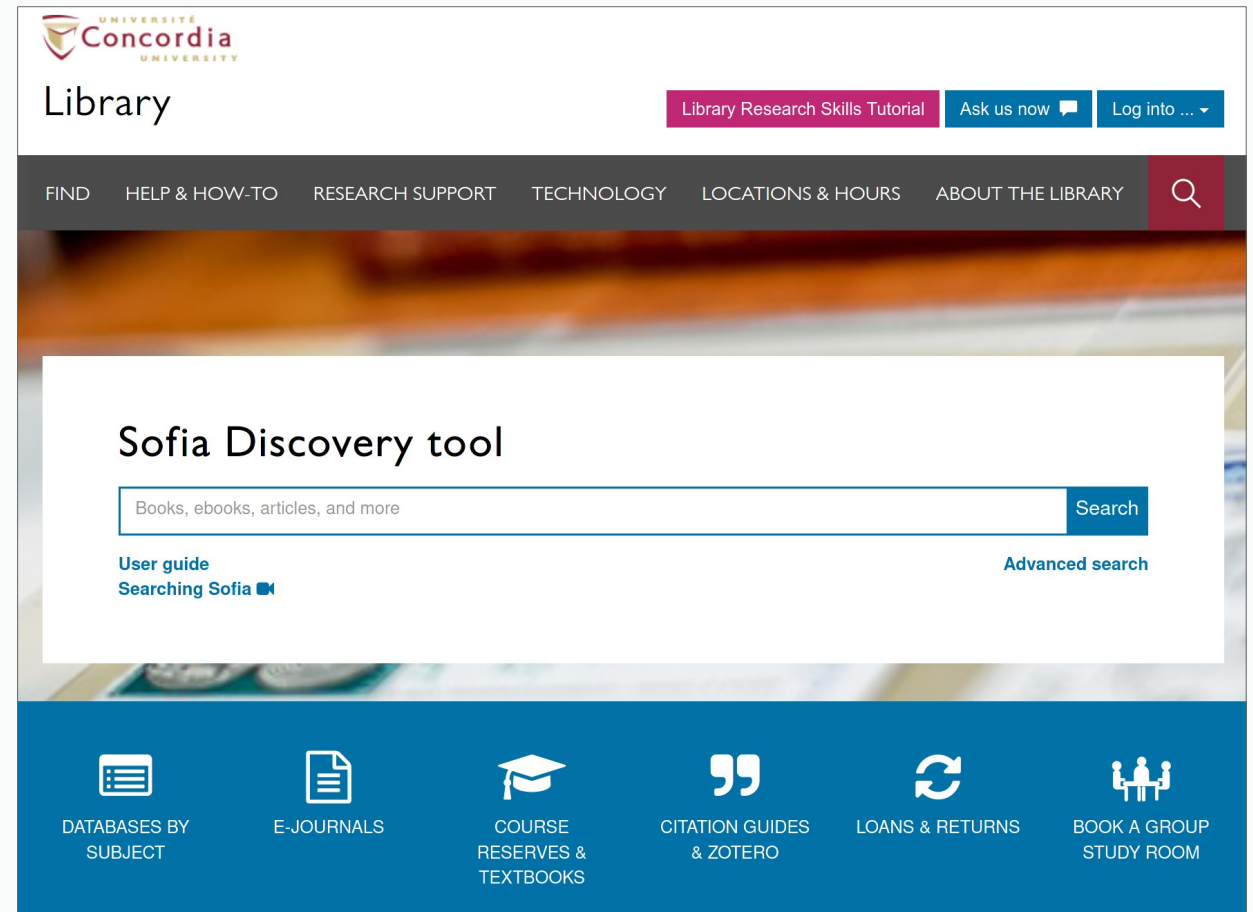
Citing and additional research resources

Where to find resources

From the home page:

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

<https://library.concordia.ca>



BASIC SEARCH TECHNIQUES

Databases

Create a search expression.

Do not search using natural language like Google.

Boolean operators

A DB record includes fields such as:

- keyword
- title
- subject
- author
- abstract
- etc.

ProQuest

Basic Search Advanced Search Publications Browse Databases (38)

Advanced Search [Command Line](#) [Thesaurus](#) [Field codes](#) [Search tips](#)

Concordia LIBRARIES

Search bar: [] in [Anywhere except full text — NOFT]

AND [] in [Anywhere except full text — NOFT]

+ Add a row

Anywhere

Anywhere except full text — NOFT

Abstract — AB

All subjects & indexing — SU

Subject heading — MAINSUBJECT

Company/organization — ORG

Location — LOC

Person — PER

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Author — AU

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Document title — TI

Publication title — PUB

More options

Column — COL

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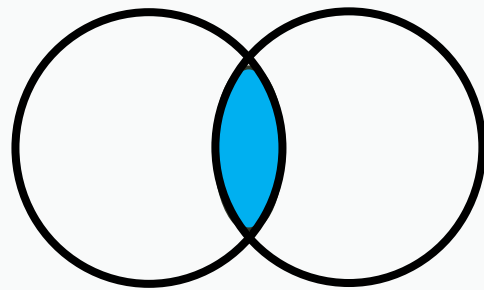
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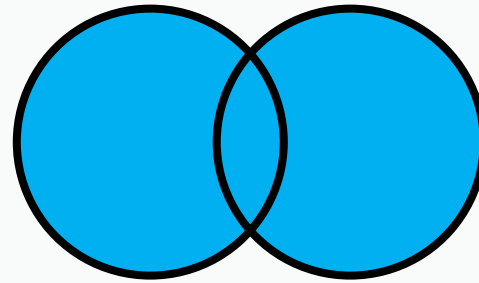
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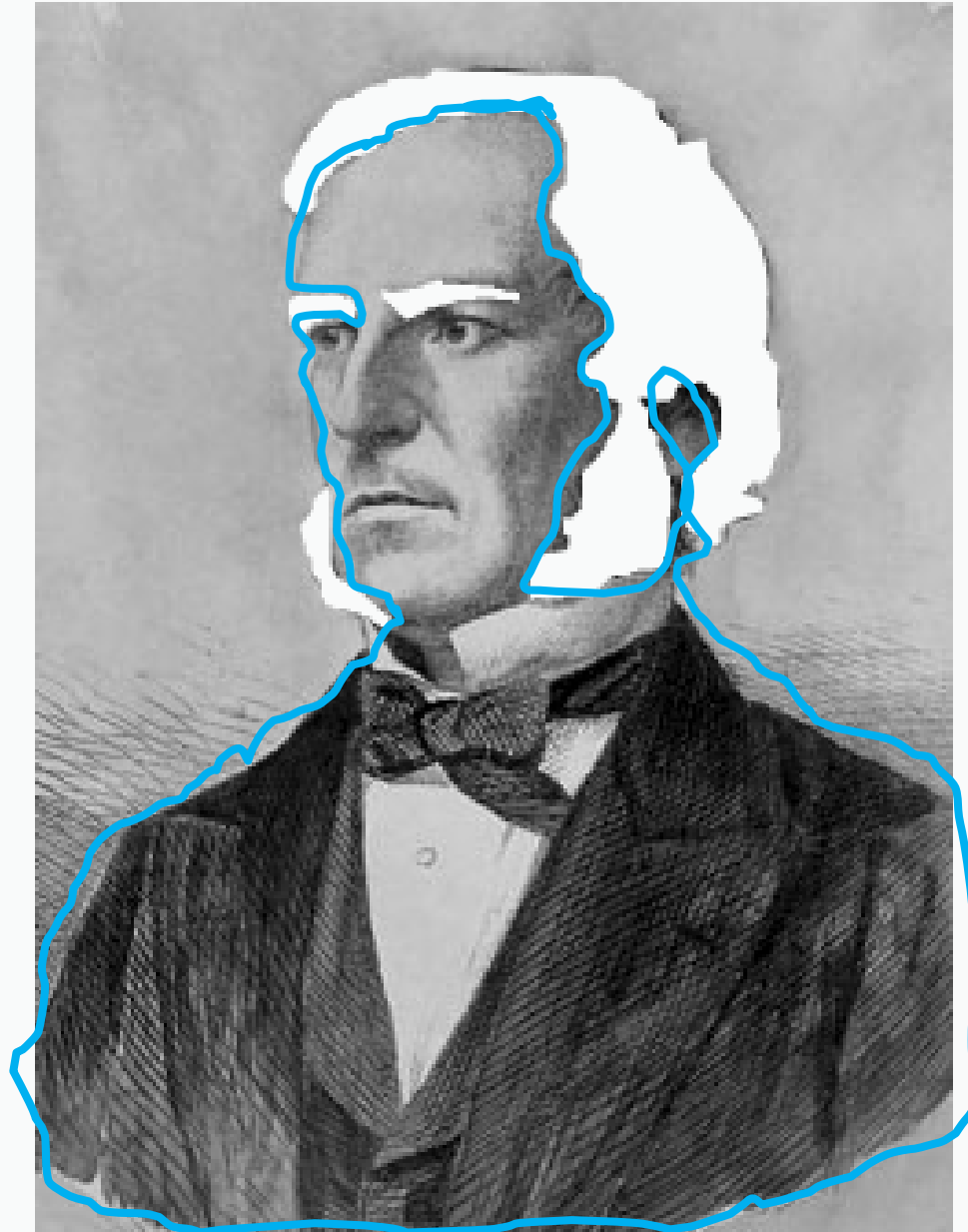
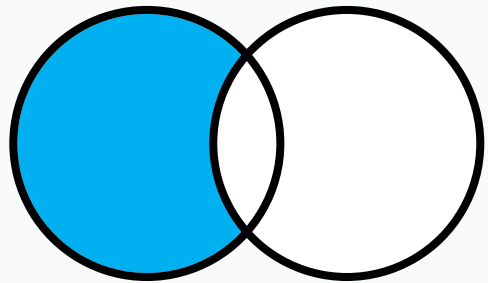
sideburns OR eyebrows



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NOT

hair



Search improvements

Truncation *

journal* = journals OR journalism OR journalist, etc.

Specific phrase “ ”

“chief executive officer” = chief executive officer

- no chief officer
- no The **officer** said the **chief** reason Ms. Smith called 911 was...

*Some databases allow “chief * officer” to retrieve “chief financial officer”*

Combining operators

Use parentheses () to group synonyms using the OR operator & control the order of operations.

Construction AND (corruption OR conspiracy)



Concept 1

Concept 2 with two synonyms

Many types of sources

Source	Where to look
News articles	Library databases, microform, specialized sources
Magazines and trade publications	Library catalogue, databases, popular websites, industry organizations
Scholarly articles; peer reviewed	Library databases, Google Scholar, Semantic Scholar, Internet Archive Scholar, academic journals
Books (academic and non-academic)	Library catalogue
Encyclopedias, dictionaries, reference books	Library catalogue
NGO publications, associations, professional	Organization websites, databases, dedicated newsletters

Consider non-print formats (video, audio, new media)

Using Sofia (library catalogue search/discovery tool)

1. Boolean operators are case sensitive!

journalism AND international

2. Use the advanced search to help you build more complex expressions.



Sofia Discovery tool

The Sofia Discovery tool replaces the Discovery Search and the CLUES Library Catalogue.

[User guide](#)
[Searching Sofia](#) 

[Advanced search](#)

Advanced Search

	Search Index	Search Term
	<input type="text" value="Keyword"/>	<input type="text" value="journalism"/>
Operator	Search Index	Search Term
<input type="text" value="AND"/>	<input type="text" value="Keyword"/>	<input type="text" value="international"/>
Operator	Search Index	Search Term
<input type="text" value="AND"/>	<input type="text" value="Author"/>	<input type="text"/>

Searching: Library catalogue (Sofia)

Search for keywords, titles, authors, subjects

Find similar materials using the subject links

Apply Boolean operators to expand or focus your search

Try the filters for format type and location

Searching: databases

Find DBs through the:

- **Databases by subject** (via library homepage)
- **Sofia** (library catalogue)
- **Subject guides** (by discipline)
- Subject-specific databases (DB) of academic journal articles
- There may be delays on news content
- Sometimes only plain-text news is available, but sometimes an image of the article as-printed is available
- Specialized news databases **Canadian Newsstream**, **Eureka** (good for Canadian & Québécois content), and **Factiva** (includes business information)

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.

Ageing as a Global Challenge in the New Millennium

John Grimley Evans, *Green College, University of Oxford*

The impact of demographic change on needs for health

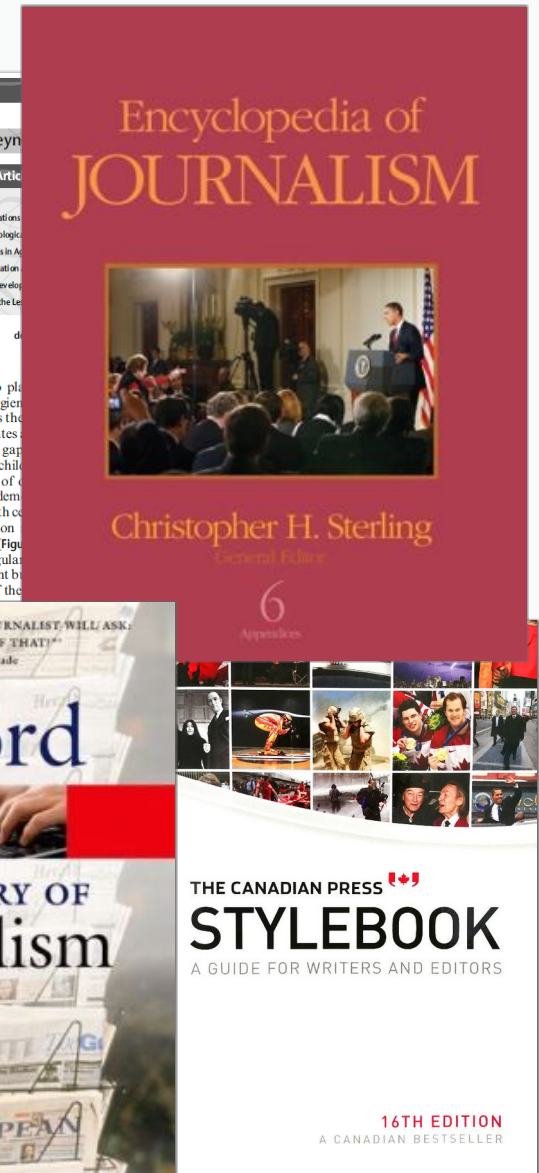
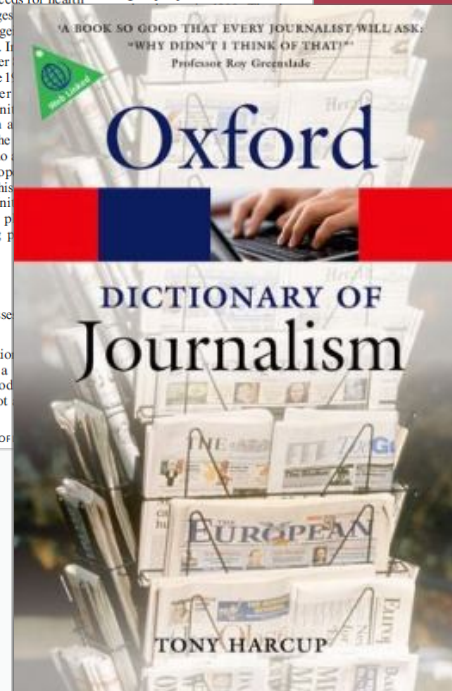
Introduction

The ageing of a population is defined in terms of the proportion of people who are in its older age groups. It constitutes 'older age groups' varies according to the issues being explored. In the developed world, ageing has traditionally been defined in terms of the proportion of people eligible for old-age pensions, the retirement age having originally been specified (in nineteenth-century Prussia) to provide an appropriate match between the numbers of men entitled to retire and the numbers still working and able to pay for the pensions. Actual retirement ages vary between men and women and between countries, but the age of 65 has commonly been used as an index. More recently, in some countries such as the United Kingdom, the numbers and proportion of people aged over 65 have stabilized but within that older age group the proportions who are over 75 or 85 are continuing to increase. Since needs for health and social care increase steeply over later ages, service planners focus on population ageing as represented by changes in these older age groups. There were 66 million people in the world aged over 65 in 1998, numbers having increased more than 2-fold since 1950. By 2050, of the world's population of people aged over 65 is projected to increase a further 6-fold by 2050 (United Nations, 1998). An alternative index of population ageing is the median age, that is the age that divides the population into two equal halves. At present, this ranges from 37.1 in Europe to 47.4 for Africa. Projections for 2050 suggest that this will be 47.4 for Europe and 30.7 for Africa (United Nations, 1998). Ageing of populations is a global phenomenon. See also: Population and family planning; Human needs and human numbers

Why do Populations Age?

In historical sequence, there are three processes of ageing of populations.

1. The demographic transition. As a nation undergoes economic development, there comes a time when mortality rates in infancy and childhood fall rapidly. The reasons for the fall are not



Thinking about sources

Purpose? Authority? Audience?
Format? Currency?

Value toward
reconsidering

&

augmenting

what you know

References

- Where do they get their information?
- Is it credited?
- What references are listed?
- Can they be verified?

Reviews of the source

- How is the source regarded by others?
- Are there reviews of the source?

See our guide

<https://library.concordia.ca/help/guides.php?guid=evaluating>



Write me a literature review on research of how students portray themselves with pets on social media (include at least 2 references and write a maximum of 200 words). Cite all references using MLA style.



A literature review on the research of how students portray themselves with pets on social media reveals that pets are often seen as important components of a student's online self-presentation. According to a study by Xia et al. (2017), students use pets as a way to enhance their online image and as a source of emotional support. They also found that students use social media to document the growth and development of their pets, as well as to receive validation and support from their online network.

Another study by Hargrave and Lucero (2020) explored the relationship between pet ownership and online self-presentation among college students. Results showed that pet owners portrayed their pets in a positive light, using social media to showcase their pets and to demonstrate their love and affection towards them. The study also found that pet ownership was positively associated with self-esteem, and that social media was an important tool for pet owners to maintain and strengthen their relationships with their pets and their online network.

Overall, these studies suggest that pets play an important role in shaping students' online self-presentation and that social media serves as a platform for students to showcase their affection towards their pets and to receive validation and support from their online network.

References:

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What about generative AI tools?

- ChatGPT does a lot, can it help find research?
- What are its sources?
- What do you know about the content it produces?

How can we find this article?



<https://chat.openai.com>

Other sources online

Include statistics, government documents, legal information, and more

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

Journalism subject guide

Find information

Course guides & tools

Fact-checking resources

- [Resources for Reporting: Statistics, Legal, and Government](#)
- [Resources by type](#)



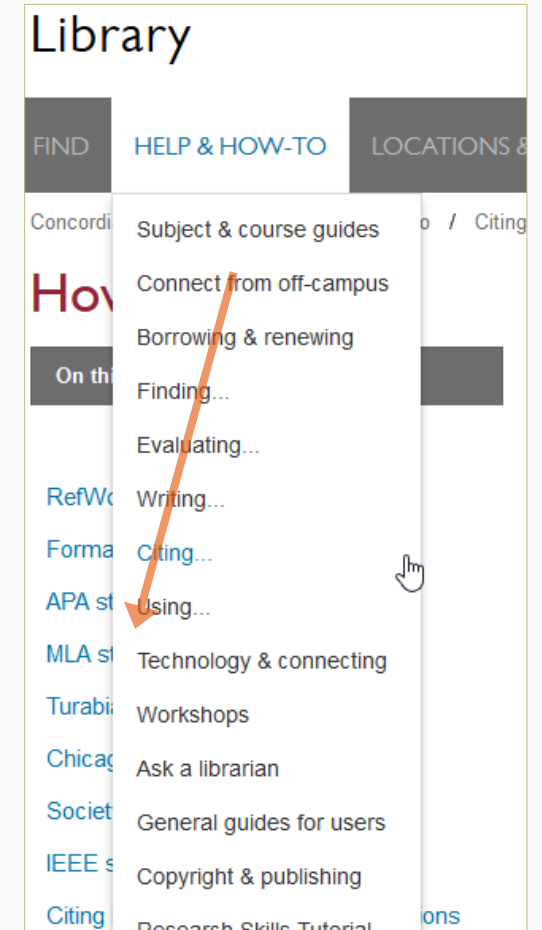
CITING & ADDITIONAL HELP

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
 - [APA style blog](#), [Chicago Manual online](#)
- Other institutions' sites, especially [Purdue OWL](#)

Note: MLA, Chicago, and APA all require acknowledging AI use for things such as editing or translating. Don't forget to cite them appropriately. AI tools may require additional info.





- Keeps track of your sources
- Creates your bibliographies *for you* in your chosen style
- Easily insert citations while you're writing

<https://www.zotero.org>

The screenshot displays the Zotero application window. On the left, the 'My Library' pane shows a hierarchical structure of folders, with 'Journalism Ethics' selected. The main pane shows a list of journal articles with columns for Title, Creator, and Date Modified. A Word document titled 'Document1 - Word' is open in the foreground, showing the Zotero citation plugin interface. The plugin includes a menu with options like 'Add/Edit Citation', 'Add/Edit Bibliography', and 'Unlink Citations'. The document text shows a list of citations, including 'Are we journalists first?' by Fitts and Pring, 'Blurry and Centered or Clear and Balanced?' by Mortensen, 'Covering the Dead' by Morse, 'Disrupting journalism ethics: radical change on the fronti...' by Ward, 'Ethical Implications of Electronic Still Cameras and Com...' by Parker, 'Ethical journalism in a populist age: the democraticallyen...' by Ward, 'Journalism in a toxic public sphere. Polluted spheres, e...' by National Observer, 'Ethics and Guidelines' by Ward, 'Global journalism ethics' by Ward, 'Journalism ethics' by Ward, 'Journalism ethics: Arguments and cases' by Hirst, 'Koch brothers behind the curtain in American journalism ...' by Solomon Wood, 'The rise of...' by Allen, 'The trouble with transparency: The challenge of doing jo...' by Phillips, 'Transparency and the new ethics of journalism' by Quinn, 'Virtue ethics and professional journalism' by Solomon Wood, and 'What's ethical journalism?' by National Observer.

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Getting help

In person at the reference desk

Consult a librarian

Subject guides

Online chat


Ask us now 



Fig. Conversation.
(Downey).