

Search strategies in standard library databases:

TIP	WHAT IT DOES	EXAMPLE
AND	Combines concepts. <i>Limits how many results your search produces</i>	police AND violence
OR	Allows for synonyms or alternative terms. <i>Increases the number of results your search produces.</i>	violence OR brutality
*	Near the end of a word, retrieves all words that start with the letters entered. <i>Increases the number of results a search produces</i>	Canad* (retrieves Canada, Canadian)
“ ”	For two words or more, search for an exact phrase only, rather than each keyword separately. <i>Limits how many results your search produces</i>	“systemic racism” (retrieves <u>systemic racism</u> , but not <u>systemic oppression related to racism</u>)

Sample search:

("police brutality" OR "police violence" OR "police shootings")

AND

(racis* OR discrimination OR bias or profiling)

AND

(defund OR aboli* OR reform)