Consulting a librarian (Ask Early! – Ask Often!)

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Ref Desk e-mail  http://www.library.uni.edu/ask-us-email
Ref Desk chat  http://askus.library.uni.edu/

Locating Research - Articles (from the library website – click on “Databases A-Z”)

Public Affairs Index (EBSCO) – Limit to Abstract or Title. Discover good subject headings.

Academic Search Elite (EBSCO) – Limit to Abstract or Title. Discover good subject headings.

Academic OneFile (GALE) – Limit to Abstract or Document Title. Discover good subject headings.

JSTOR – Narrow to Discipline “Political Science” and search for research back to ~ 1890

Project Muse – Use Advanced Search

Web of Knowledge – Can sort results by “Times Cited” (free EndNote Web)

Locating Behavioral Research – Articles (from the library website – click on “Databases A-Z”)

PsycINFO – Limit to Publication Type, methodology, etc., Thesaurus, Search History, Index

Sociological Abstracts - “Search Tools” (Thesaurus and Combine Searches)

Social Services Abstracts – “Search Tools” (Thesaurus and Combine Searches)

Books

eBrary – online books (under “Databases A – Z”).
Books

OneSearch (Books & More)  
(books in the UNI Library)  
https://www.library.uni.edu/onesearch/advanced  
Use Advanced Search then Books/Media

Google Books  
(partial view online)  
Use Advanced Search – Set to “Limited preview and full view”

WorldCat  
(search all academic libraries)  
http://www.worldcat.org/advancedsearch  
Use Advanced Search

Hard to Find Items

Google Scholar  
http://scholar.google.com/  
(Settings: “Library links” = Northern Iowa)

Google Books  

OneSearch!  
http://www.library.uni.edu

Rules of Thumb

Too many results
- Try searching for terms/topics/ideas in the Title or Abstract of the Article
- Use a subject heading
- Contact a librarian

No results or not enough results
- Find other terms/words for your topic
- Try a Different Database
- Look in large “super” databases such as OneSearch! or Google Scholar
- Contact a librarian

Search Tricks  
(warning these do not work in Google or Google Scholar)

Put an asterisk - * - at the end of the root of a word to find all versions:
  e.g. abus*  …. abuse, abused, abusive, abuses, abusers, abusing,

Combine separate concepts with “AND” ….
  e.g. homeless* AND Iowa

Combine similar concepts (synonyms) with “OR” and parentheses
  e.g. child* and (neglect* OR abus* OR abandon*)