LIBRARY RESEARCH: FINDING ARTICLES

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Today

- Review: Writing help & APA Style
- Databases
- Search strategies & finding articles
- Google Scholar
Writing in APA Style

- Essay Structure – Intro/Conclusions
  - Writing Support @ MHC page handouts: [https://www.mhc.ab.ca/services/academicsupport/writingsupport](https://www.mhc.ab.ca/services/academicsupport/writingsupport)

- Writing an Abstract in APA Style
  - [http://blog.apastyle.org/apastyle/abstracts/](http://blog.apastyle.org/apastyle/abstracts/)
Different Types of Periodicals

- *Magazines* – popular periodicals
- *Journals* – scholarly, academic content
- *Trade or Informed Journals* – hybrid of popular and scholarly
- *Newsletters or newspapers* – current events, opinion
Keywords - Searching

- Addiction(s), addictive behavior, substance abuse/dependence, drug use/abuse
- idea, image, concept, theory, perspective, cause, definition, meaning, representation
- disease, choice, genetics/genes, debate
- - social aspects
- - psychological aspects
Research Assignment

- Research on one of these 3 topics:
  - Population & specific addiction
  - Codependency & enabling
  - 12-step models
Scholarly (Academic) Journals

- Have longer, in-depth articles
- Present the results of research
- **Contain footnotes or bibliographies**
- Authors are scholars and researchers in field
- **Published by an academic institution or professional association**
- Aimed at researchers or professionals
- Contain few photos or advertising
Peer-Reviewed Journals

- Peer-review process involves editing by scholars in the field
- All peer-reviewed articles are considered scholarly/academic
Where to Find Articles

- In print
- Online (Library Databases)
  - http://www.mhc.ab.ca/library/databases
- Online (Google Scholar)
  - http://scholar.google.ca
Planning Your Search

- Organize the key concepts
  - Think of synonyms

- Example:
  - Population: First Nations
    - Consider: Aboriginal, Native, Indian, Indigenous, Inuit, Métis, FNMI
  - Addiction: Inhalant use
    - Consider: Inhalant abuse, solvent abuse, glue sniffing, huffing, aerosol sniffing, volatile substance abuse
Planning Your Search

- Example: Codependency AND enabling

- Synonyms and other terms:
  - Interpersonal relations, mental health, codependents, family relations, recovery movement, enabling (psychology)
  - Diagnosis, history, treatment, concept
Planning Your Search

- Example: 12-step models (Twelve-step programs)

- Synonyms and other terms:
  - Recovery program, recovery movement, self-help group, social support, Alcoholics Anonymous
  - Critique, review, advantage, research, success, history
Searching Databases

- What is a database?
  - Contains citations and/or full-text articles
  - Can contain much more than just articles
    - (editorials, news items, images, book reviews, etc.)
- Subject-specific
- Each database contains unique content
- Experiment, try multiple searches and several databases for the best results
Databases

- Academic Search Complete
- CINAHL Plus with Full Text
- Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection
- SocINDEX with Full Text
- ScienceDirect College Edition
Google Scholar

- www.scholar.google.ca
- Like Google, but faster!
- It is recommended to search Google Scholar *on-campus*
Research Help – Start Here!

- Addictions Counselling Library Research Guide
  
  http://mhc.ab.libguides.com/addictions

- Book an Appointment
  
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