Using the library and doing research
Overview

- Getting Help/Important Things to Know: VIU Library
- Different Genres/Formats of Information
- Using Library Search (searching multiple databases simultaneously)
  - Developing Search Terms
  - Search Mechanics
  - Saving Results and Formatting Results into APA/MLA
Getting Help/Important Things to Know: VIU Library

- Click on ‘Ask the Library’ on the VIU Library website
- What’s available 24/7?
  - Library Commons computers | wifi | Silent Study room | Databases
- Know your **Student ID and Library PIN** to get off-campus electronic access
Physical books/e-books

Books can be...
- Entirely written by one author
- Each chapter is a separate article written by a different author

The Dark Side of Social Media: A Consumer Psychology Perspective

by Angeline Close Scheinbaum

Publisher: Routledge

Date: 2017-09-14

More...
Find the following:


Academic/scholarly journal articles

- Typically published in journals
- Published online though cost money
- Often housed within databases
  - Some databases are free; most aren’t
- Peer-reviewed

These articles often feature:
- Writing style: elevated, academic language
- Abstract/summary
- Headings/sections
- Citations to other books and articles
- Presence of a bibliography/works cited/references list
- Authors are identified
- Evidence of author authority
Magazine/newspaper/blog articles

- Mainly media sources, written by journalists
- Usually short, no in-text citations (neither MLA nor APA nor other styles)
- Written mainly to inform or entertain
- Might be serious in tone but not intended as scholarship
- Some of these sources may visually appear like popular magazines (e.g., professional layout and images)—but sometimes not
- Often available at bookstores, convenience stores
Search Basics: Mining for Information

- Skim abstracts & conclusions
- Use search commands
- Check references + bibliographies
- Wikipedia
- CTRL + F (PC) or Command + F (Mac)
How does technology change the way we tell stories?
Breaking down a topic

- how does technology change how we tell stories
- digital storytelling
- [look at New Digital Storytelling book, chapter on augmented reality]
- [go to Wikipedia to get familiar with AR]
- digital storytelling “augmented reality”
- Pokemon "augmented reality"
- gaming "augmented reality"
- gaming "augmented reality" narrative
- Ingress "augmented reality" narrative
- "augmented reality" designing narrative
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<th>Advanced Searching</th>
<th>Example</th>
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<td>Quotation marks search for a <strong>phrase</strong> or <strong>title</strong>. Use them when you have two or more words that you want to keep together.</td>
<td>“social media” “alice in wonderland”</td>
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<td>Use <strong>OR</strong> (in caps) to make keywords <strong>interchangeable</strong>. (useful for synonyms)</td>
<td>advertising OR ad OR commercial</td>
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<td>You can use quotation marks with <strong>OR</strong>.</td>
<td>“social media” OR facebook OR twitter</td>
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<td>Use ***** as a wildcard. It will find similar words with different <strong>suffixes</strong>. This is called truncation.</td>
<td>Temp * (this will find temporary, tempt, temptation, temple, etc.)</td>
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It’s easier to use these commands on the advanced search page:

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<th>All Fields</th>
<th>&quot;social media&quot; OR facebook OR twitter</th>
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<td>&quot;north america&quot; OR canada OR &quot;united states&quot; OR america</td>
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If you use the basic search, you would have to insert a bunch of brackets with “AND” to do the same search seen above:

("social media" OR facebook OR twitter) AND (advertis* OR ad OR commercial) AND ("weight loss") AND ("north america" OR canada OR "united states" OR america)
A note about searching for Indigenous topics...

(indigenous OR aboriginal OR native OR "american indian" OR indian OR “First Nation” OR inuit OR metis)
Group Exercise

• Each group will be assigned a topic.

• Work with your group to broaden or narrow the topic so it is researchable.

• Find relevant sources in LibrarySearch.

1. Democracy
2. Marijuana legalization
3. Social media and mental health
4. Videogames and violence
5. Sports and protest
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1. **Shopping habits of teenage boys in Nanaimo**
2. **Importance of red cedar to Snuneymuxw canoe carvers**
3. **History of ice hockey rinks on Vancouver Island**
4. **Student transportation to VIU**
Using the Temporary Saved Folder (folder icons – save items folder on upper right)

Configuring Sources into Citation Styles

File Management (PDF, naming pdf files)
Librarians are here to help!

Nanaimo Campus hours for drop-in research help
Mon - Fri, 9am - 4pm

Make an appointment with a Librarian

Email us a question!

In-person research help is also available
at Cowichan and Powell River campus libraries

Check out our Library Research Guides!

Nanaimo Campus: 250.740.6330
Cowichan Campus: 250.746.3517
Powell River Campus: 604.485.8044

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discipline, writing an annotated
bibliography, citations, and more

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