Off Campus
Library Services

Your virtual library

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OCLS Tutorials

- You will be viewing the following PowerPoints as a part of your introduction:
  - Off Campus Library Services: Your Virtual Library.
  - OCLS: Finding books in the library catalog.
  - PsycINFO.
  - Other Psychology Databases: Part 2.
  - Other Psychology Databases.
Getting your masters motivates you to:

- Review pertinent literature in your discipline.
- Know how to find and identify quality information in your discipline.
- Understand the navigation of library databases to find quality information.
- Know how to distinguish between objective and subjective information.
- Understand what you are able to do yourself in research and when it is appropriate to enlist the help of qualified librarians to assist you.
What OCLS provides:

- Access to databases with thousands of articles, books, and material for research in your discipline.
- Access to professional librarians who can guide you to finding the right material for your specific research.
- Access to services that can expedite your information seeking needs.
OCLS Services Include:

- Access to online subscription databases via your 14-digit library access #.
  - Sent to your MYEMAIL account
  - If you cannot locate it, then contact OCLS (http://www2.indwes.edu/ocls/oclsform.html)
- Reference assistance
- Document delivery of full text (books and/or articles)
OCLS Services Include:

- Interlibrary loan (if IWU does not have it, then OCLS can obtain from other libraries).
- Custom reference via research guides. (“Guides” you to get to your specific information.)
- Consultation on APA writing style.
OCLS Contact Info:

- Home page: [http://www2.indwes.edu/ocls](http://www2.indwes.edu/ocls)
  - Make it a Favorite, link from Blackboard (enable pop ups in your browser); link from MyIWU.
- 800-521-1848
- Service hours are 8-8, Mon-Thurs; 8-5, Fri. & 9:30-2, Sat.
- Email help form: [http://www2.indwes.edu/ocls/oclsform.html](http://www2.indwes.edu/ocls/oclsform.html)
OCLS Home Page Links

- **Article Databases** – Discipline specific article databases.
- **Books** – Access many library catalogs, especially IWU’s.
- **Websites** – Discipline specific links to appropriate web sites for college work.
- **OCLS Tools** – Register for interlibrary loan, recreate your LAN, and more...
- **Help** – Some of the most accessed university sites, incl. Blackboard, portal.
- **Key Links** – Journal search tool, APA helps, online email request form, etc.
Tasks to get ready for library research

- Make sure you have Adobe Acrobat Reader on the computer you will be using.
- Link to the free download for Acrobat Reader.
  - http://get.adobe.com/reader/
Understanding Boolean Searching

• Boolean is a principle for finding specific information in an online database, especially journal articles.
• Comes from algebra
• Allows combination of terms
• Uses operators (*and, or, not*) to get desired results.
• Venn diagrams provide visualization of what the computer does behind the “scenes.”
Most commonly used operators with Boolean Searching

**AND Operator**

- Family Conflict
- Spirituality

Only the overlapped area is in the result set.

**OR Operator**

- Family Conflict
- Marital Conflict

All of both circles are available for the result set.

A search in PsycINFO, of these 2 examples, as subjects gives these results:

- Family Conflict **and** Spirituality = ~5 articles
- Family Conflict **or** Marital Conflict = ~ 4,000 articles
Other helpful links for understanding Boolean searching:

- [http://www.internettutorials.net/boolean.asp](http://www.internettutorials.net/boolean.asp)
- [http://www.lib.lsu.edu/ref/flash/Boolean.html](http://www.lib.lsu.edu/ref/flash/Boolean.html) (use your sound)
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7tm-sDKCnO4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7tm-sDKCnO4) (enjoy the New Zealand accent)
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vube-ZcJFk4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vube-ZcJFk4)
OCLS is:

- Your virtual library away from campus.
- Access to books (print and e-books).
- Access to indexes that lead to articles.
- Access to full text articles.
- Access to professional librarians who are experienced in working with adults students.