HOW TO BEGIN RESEARCH

• Compile a list of subject key words. You will use them when researching.
  o Think of synonyms (words that mean the same thing)
  o Check the spelling! Searching in the library catalog or databases won’t correct your spelling.
• Start small. Find between 5-10 resources that match your subject. Analyze these sources for your paper before gathering more.
• Create a rough outline. Based on the information you have already collected, write down a summary of what you want to cover in your paper.

WHERE TO LOOK FOR INFORMATION

When should I use books?
• For in-depth overviews or historical background on a subject.
• Look for books using the Catalog on the Library website.

When should I use a database?
• For scholarly research articles that give specific case data or recent developments in an area
• Access databases from the Find Items tab on the Library website.

When should I use the Web?
• For demographic statistics or VERY current information that has not yet been published academically

PSYCHOLOGY WRITING HELP

The Practical Researcher: A Student Guide to Conducting Psychological Research
BF 76.5 .D864 2013

Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association
In-Library Use Copies: Reserve Shelf
Checkout Copies: BF 76.7 .P83 2010

Undergraduate Writing in Psychology: Learning to Tell the Scientific Story
BF 76.7 .L36 2012

Your Undergraduate Psychology Project: A Student Guide
BF 76.5 .F68 2013

D’Arcy McNickle Library
http://library.skc.edu/

Salish Kootenai College
58138 US Hwy 93
P.O. Box 70
Pablo, MT 59855-0070
Phone 406-275-4875
Fax: 406-275-4812

Want to set up a research appointment with a librarian?
Call the Library! (406) 275-4874
Books

BF : Psychology
  BF 309-499  Consciousness
  BF 511-593  Affection, Feeling, Emotions
  BF 636-637  Applied psychology
  BF 692-692.5  Psychology of sexual behavior
  BF 698-698.9  Personality
  BF 712-724.85  Developmental psychology: Including infant psychology, child psychology, adolescence, and adulthood

HV : Social Pathology
  HV 5001-5720.5  Alcoholism
  HV 5725-5770  Tobacco habit
  HV 5800-5840  Drug habits, Drug abuse

RC : Internal Medicine
  RC 435-571  Psychiatry
  RC 475-489  Therapies and Treatments
  RC 537  Depression
  RC 552  Eating disorders
  RC 554-569.5  Personality disorders, Behavior problems: Including sexual problems, drug abuse, suicide, and child abuse

Want to Browse Print Periodicals?
  - Counselor: The Magazine for Addiction Professionals  BF 637 .C6 M3
  - Journal of Counseling Psychology  BF 637 .C6 J6
  - Psychology Today  BF 1 .P79

Need the DSM-V ?
In-Library copy:
  REF RC 455.2 .C4 D536 2013
Copies to check out:
  RC 455.2 .C4 D536 2013

Databases

PsycNet
  - Recommended place to begin database research.
  - Covers all journals published by the American Psychological Association (APA).
  - Some top full-text journals are:
    Developmental Psychology : 1969-present
    Journal of Applied Psychology : 1917-present
    Journal of Comparative Psychology : 1921-present
    Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology : 1937-present
    Journal of Personality and Social Psychology : 1965-present
    Psychological Bulletin : 1904-present
    Psychological Review : 1894-present

EbscoHost – Academic Search Complete
  - A comprehensive full-text database.
  - Some top full-text journals are:
    Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience : 1996-present
    Psychological Inquiry : 1990-present

EbscoHost - Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection
  - Articles on emotional and behavioral characteristics, mental processes, and observational & experimental methods

2015-2016 Database Access
  Username: skc15
  Password: bison16

Websites

Citing Sources (APA)
  - APA Style Blog
    http://blog.apastyle.org/apastyle/

Professional Associations
  - American Psychological Association
    http://www.apa.org/
  - National Institute of Mental Health
    www.nimh.nih.gov/
  - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
    http://www.samhsa.gov/

Reports and Statistics
  - Addictive and Mental Disorders
    Division of Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services
    http://dphhs.mt.gov/amdd
  - Montana Health Data and Statistical Reports
    http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/statisticalinformation/
  - National Center for Disease Control – Mental Health Statistics
    http://www.cdc.gov/mentalhealth/
  - Office of Minority Health of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
    http://minorityhealth.hhs.gov
  - US Census Bureau – Native American / Alaskan Native Information
    http://www.census.gov/aiian/