

Finding Articles in Library Databases

LIB 1201

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isn't it true that only librarians like
to search? Everyone else likes to
find.

Tennant, Roy. (2001, October 15). Digital
Libraries—Cross-Database Search: One-
Stop Shopping. [Web log entry]. Retrieved
from http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA1_70458.html

Article Databases Advice

- Stay calm
- Stay focused
- Read the directions
- Plan your strategy
- Ask for help if you need it

(Badke p. 106-109)

Strategies for Article Databases

- Have your keywords and subject headings ready
- Choose a database: general or subject-specific?
- Use your advanced strategies: Boolean, truncation (*), quotation marks
- Use the database limiters to narrow your results

In class activity

- Select a database, or cross-search in EBSCO
- Use your list of keywords and subject headings
- Use some advanced strategies:
 - Boolean (and, or, not)
 - Truncation *
 - Limiters
- Find a few relevant articles
- Share what worked/what didn't with neighbors & report back to class

For Thursday, April 11

Discussion: Evaluation of sources in any format: how to evaluate information

Review 2 websites:

UC Berkeley Library, [Evaluating Web Pages: Techniques to Apply & Questions to Ask](#)

Cornell University Libraries, [Critically analyzing information sources.](#)

Blogging: one research journal blog post in response to this prompt:

- Do a search on your research topic in at least one internet search engine and one library database
- What words or phrases did you use to search?
- What are the similarities and differences between the results of your two searches?