



# HOW TO CONDUCT RESEARCH:

A DAVIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY PRESENTATION  
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# How To Conduct Research



# How To Conduct Research

- Picking your topic **IS** research!
  - Select Topic
  - Find Background Information
    - Revamp Topic
    - Find Materials
  - Read, Evaluate, Take Notes
    - Further Refine Your Topic
    - Repeat As Needed

# How To Conduct Research

- Why Use Library Databases:
  - Credible Sources
  - Better Search Options
  - Efficiently Narrow Down Your Results
  - Citations
  - You're Paying For Them!

# How To Conduct Research

- OneSearch
- Digital Resources
- LibGuides
- Library Catalog

# How To Conduct Research

- Search Strategies
  - Keyword V. Natural Language Searching
  - Boolean Operators (AND, OR, NOT)
  - Quotation Marks
  - Bibliographies of useful articles (Dissertations are especially good for this)
  - InterLibrary Loan

# How To Conduct Research

- Website Resources
  - Who is the author?
  - What organization are they affiliated with?
  - Are they trying to sell you something?
  - Do they provide a bibliography?
  - Is the information current? Are there any outdated or dead links?
  - What is the URL? (.org/.gov/.edu/.com)

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- Individualized Research Assistance (IRA)





QUESTIONS?



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