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A GUIDE TO RESEARCH RESOURCES FOR OHIO INSTITUTE FOR ALLIED HEALTH

ACCESSING

Step 1: Obtain a DML Library Card

Library Cards for Dayton Metro Library are free for all residents of the State of Ohio.

If you are not an Ohio resident, talk to Melissa Foster or Mrs. Davis. DML can help you connect to similar resources available in your State of residence. You may also access these free resources via a public computer at any DML location using a guest pass.

- If you already have a DML card and know your 4-digit pin*, go to Step 2.
- If you have a DML card and are not sure if it still works*, call (937) 463-2665 to check on the status of your library account, update your information and/or reset your 4-digit pin. Explain to the staff person that you are a student needing access to DML's online resources. Once you have your card number and 4-digit pin, go to Step 2.
- If you do not have a DML card*, go online and create an eCard here:
www.DaytonMetroLibrary.org/register
You will receive your eCard number via email; then go to Step 2

Step 2: Getting to the Online Databases / Research Resources

- 1) Go to the Library's homepage www.DaytonMetroLibrary.org
- 2) On the left, in the "Digital Collection" box, click on "Library Databases"
- 3) This page displays all of the Library's databases. Although you may find many of the databases useful, the most popular ones for health/medical topics include:
 - a. ACADEMIC SEARCH PREMIER
 - b. CONSUMER HEALTH COMPLETE
 - c. EBSCO HOST
 - d. GALE VIRTUAL REFERENCE LIBRARY
 - e. NETWELLNESS
 - f. SCIENCE REFERENCE CENTER



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SEARCHING

Keywords

Once you have identified your topic, selecting your keywords is pretty simple, yet very important to yield good results.

(1) Divide your topic into segments/pieces/concepts:

In the question, "*What is the relationship between women's fashion magazines & anorexia?*" the concepts are: women, fashion magazines, and anorexia.

(2) Brainstorm for related synonyms and terms:

<i>Concepts:</i>	women	fashion magazines	anorexia
<i>Related terms:</i>	woman	fashion models	bulimia
	female	modeling industry	eating disorders

(3) As you search, keep track of words that appear in detailed descriptions, or that are listed in fields with headings such as *subjects*, *descriptors*, or *subject headings*. These synonyms are related terms or are the specific vocabulary used to describe your search term in that database. Using these in your search can often improve your results by making your search more accurate and efficient.

Saving Articles

Most databases give you multiple options for saving articles for reviewing after you finish your search (email, print, export, etc.). One of the best ways to keep track of your articles is to use Google Drive or similar cloud based service, saving all articles for each paper/project in separate folders for quick and easy access.

Citing Sources

A time saving feature is the "cite source" that allows for copy/pasting formatted citations into your bibliography. (Choose APA format.) Almost all online research databases offer this feature.

DML Ask Me Line *Library Open Hours Only*

Not getting any (or enough) results? Having trouble navigating a database? Or, just have no idea where to start? Call the DML Ask Me Line for help! **937-463-2665**