Psychology Research @ Cook Library
Graduate Student Edition

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Cook Library Homepage: http://libraries.towson.edu

Research Guides: Custom webpages that list resources relevant to a particular subject or discipline.
- Library homepage → Research Guides link
- The Psychology Research Guide is available at: http://towson.libguides.com/psyc
- You may also want to visit the Research Guide for your particular program. Gateways are available for Clinical, Counseling, Experimental, and School Psychology.

Articles
- Library homepage → “Research Databases”
- A list of recommended databases is also available on each subject or program’s Research Guide.
- If no full text for and article is linked in the database: click the “Find it” button to determine if Cook Library owns a copy elsewhere or, if we don’t own it, to request a copy via Interlibrary Loan.
- Document Delivery: The library will scan copies of print journal articles available at Cook Library (aka “Document Delivery”). Use your Interlibrary Loan account to request items via document delivery.

Searching Databases: Using Operators (applicable in most databases)
* / AND / OR / NOT
* - Truncates the ending of words
Example: child* = articles that mention EITHER child, children, childhood, childcare, childbirth, etc.

AND – Searches for articles containing BOTH terms
Example: sleep AND health = articles containing BOTH sleep AND health

OR – Searches for articles that contain EITHER or BOTH terms
Example: women OR woman OR female* OR girl* = all articles on women regardless of which term was used by the author

NOT – Searches for articles that do NOT contain a term
Example: education NOT technology = articles that contain the term education but not the term technology

Journals
Use the “Journal List” to find a specific journal or article in any of our databases or in print
- From the Quick Tools menu on the library’s homepage, click on “Journal List”
- Type in the name of the journal
- Coverage dates indicate the range of time for which the journal is available in a particular location (e.g., a specific database or the library’s physical collection)
Books & More...

Cook OneSearch
- **Cook OneSearch** is search bar featured on the library’s homepage. This searches nearly all materials available at TU (including books, articles, videos, etc.) and beyond.
- **OneSearch** can be good for a general search to see how much information may be available about a topic or for interdisciplinary research.
- **Remember to use the checkboxes ("Limiters") on the left hand side of the results lists to limit by material type, location, year, etc.**
- Because Cook OneSearch is a “flood” of information, it is sometimes easier to use subject-specific databases or the library catalog to locate materials.

Using WorldCat TU
- **Library homepage** → “Find Sources” → “More Library Catalogs” → “WorldCatTU”
- WorldCat TU is another version of our library catalog that allows you to search for books and other materials owned by libraries worldwide
- To limit your search to books, go to the advanced search and change your format to Books
- Results are automatically listed by **Library and Relevance** meaning that Towson books will always be at the top, not necessarily the most relevant. To see the most relevant books in any library, change your **Sort By** option to **Relevancy**.
- If you find a useful book, click on the title and take a look at the **Subjects**. They are links to other books with the same subject.
- If a book is available at Cook Library, note its call number, location, and availability.

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**Requesting Books from USMAI libraries:** As a Towson University student, you may request physical books (NOT ebooks) from other University System of Maryland and Affiliated Institutions
- Open the book’s full record by clicking on the book’s title
- Click on the yellow **Request Item** button
- Choose **Towson University** as your affiliation
- Enter your Net-ID and password
- USAMI request generally take 3-5 days; you will be emailed when it is available at the circulation desk

**Requesting Books from outside the USMAI system** (Through Interlibrary Loan, aka “ILL”)
- Open the book’s full record by clicking on the book’s title
- Click the yellow **Request Item through Interlibrary Loan** button
- Enter your ILL account login (or create an account, if you are a first time user)
- Submit your request
- ILL requests depend on availability and can take a few days to a few weeks; you will be emailed when it is available at the circulation desk