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# Information Resources



# Think outside the box.





# Contents:



- evaluating resources
- topic refinement and research vocabulary
- tour of the Oviatt Library Website
- locate and manage resources in OneSearch
- subject preparation: useful resources
- create and manage citations
  
- links to services and assistance

# + Evaluating Resources

Essential questions to ask regarding the reliability of a resource:



- Who created the resource?
- What is the experience or qualifications of the author?
- Is the resource based on fact, opinion or propaganda?
- Does the resource express a particular bias or agenda?
- Does the resource list sources to support its statements (e.g. works cited list)?
- Has the resource been examined prior to publication, such as book reviews, an editor or peer-review (panel of experts)?

[Additional info](#) **Note:** To see if a journal is peer-reviewed, see [Ulrichs Web](#) Global Serials Directory



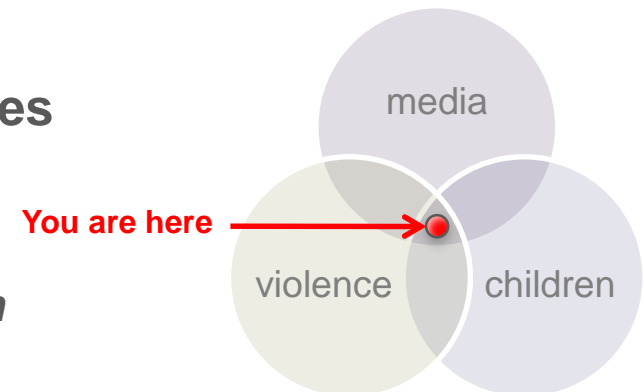
# Refine your topic – a review



- Make broad topics more focused
- Topical focus makes research manageable
- A focused topic informs what (and how) resources are used
  - Very recent topics     newspapers, magazines, Websites
  - Established topics     books, journals, films

## ■ Example: Refine topic and target resources

1. Broad Topic = **Media**
2. Narrower Topic = **Violence** in the media
3. Focused Topic = Media violence and **children**



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# Build your research vocabulary



Define the contours of your topic by constructing your research (thesis) question or statement:

- What are the effects of **media violence** on **children**? OR
- **Media violence** affects (or does not affect) **children**.

**Note:** Through research, seek to prove or disprove the research statement, OR supply an answer to the research question.

Build a vocabulary of similar or directly related search terms from the most descriptive words in your research question or statement:

- **media:** television, film, video games, comics, music
- **violence:** brutality, bloodshed
- **children:** kids, teens, adolescents

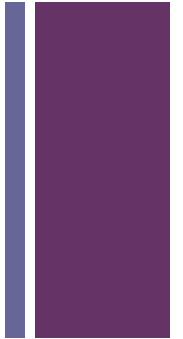
**These are your search terms you will use to locate information resources.**  
Consult a thesaurus to add synonyms to your terms, if necessary.

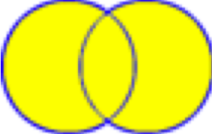
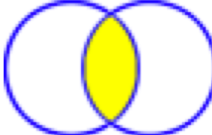
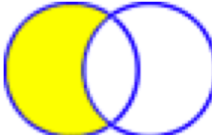
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# Applying the Research Vocabulary

## Boolean Search Techniques



 women <b>OR</b> Females	<b>OR</b> expands your search results to include those that have EITHER of two similar terms. Use <b>OR</b> to increase you number of results.
 women <b>AND</b> media	<b>AND</b> reduces the number of results by requiring that two terms appear together in a resource in order to be listed within the results. Use <b>AND</b> to filter out irrelevant results.
 image <b>NOT</b> self	<b>NOT</b> filters out results for terms that are commonly associated. Use <b>NOT</b> with caution as you may unwittingly remove results you may otherwise want.

[Additional info](#)



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OneSearch

Find Books, Articles, Media and More - **What is OneSearch?**

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There are many opportunities to volunteer and contribute to the Oviatt Library and participate in its special programs as a community member. [Read more.](#)

Bookmark Artwork Contest at the...



Welcome to the 2014 fall semester, Matadors! We are happy to see you and hope to provide you with assistance as you [Read more.](#)

MLIS Program



Working in close collaboration, the University of North Texas and the CSUN Oviatt Library have created an MLIS program to serve this geographical area. [Read more.](#)

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Often referred to as the most interdisciplinary and comprehensive subscription-based citation resource, the Web of Science database extracts citation information from articles in more than 10,000 journals from a wide variety of disciplines. [Read more.](#)

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# Locate and manage resources

Oviatt Library Portal

OneSearch retrieves most types of resources (books, articles and more) in a single search. This eliminates having to search across many collections independently.

[Watch  
video  
tutorial](#)

Alternative independent search of books, journals, and audio/video resources

Search archival collections, **Finding Aids Database (FAD)** and **Digital Collections** of the Oviatt Library and local archival materials

Search the CSUN Institutional Repository of faculty, student and departmental works



# Limiting and sorting searches

OneSearch Interface method – BOOKS AND MEDIA

## Format

- Online (89)
- Book (83)
- Video (78)
- eBook (11)
- Sound Recording (2)
- Serial (1)

Select from lists to limit results

## Year

- 2010-2013 (28)
- 2000-09 (114)
- 1990-99 (16)
- 1980-89 (3)
- 1970-79 (2)

Displays the number of resources for each category

## Subject Area

- H - Social Science (41)
- P - Language and Literature (22)
- K - Law (9)
- R - Medicine (6)
- G - Geography, Anthropology, Recreation (4)
- L - Education (3)
- Z - Library Science (2)

Results 1-10 of 164

sort by: **relevance** | newest first | oldest first



### Children, Adolescents, and Media Violence : A Critical Look at the Research

#### Book

By: Kirsh, Steven J  
Thousand Oaks, Calif.: SAGE Publications, 2012

Location	Call Number	Status
Floor2	HQ784.M3 K5677 2012	IN LIBRARY

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### Media Violence and Children : A Complete Guide for Parents and Professionals

#### Book

Westport, CT: Praeger, 2003

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Save this record

You can save resource records to revisit later. Be sure to login (upper right) to save permanently



# Limiting and sorting searches

OneSearch Interface method – ARTICLES

## Refine your search

- ☐ Scholarly only
- ☐ Full-text only
- ☐ Add results beyond the library's collection

## Format

- ☒ Any
- ☐ Journal Article (100,630)
- ☐ Book Review (13,242)
- ☐ Dissertation (12,519)
- ☐ Trade Publication Article (1,573)
- ☐ Report (977)
- ☐ Newsletter (439)
- ☐ Conference Proceeding (197)

[ [More Options](#) ]

## Topics

- ☒ Any
- ☐ social sciences (9,694)
- ☐ psychology (6,784)
- ☐ education (6,561)
- ☐ women (6,531)
- ☐ violence (6,250)
- ☐ sociology (6,087)

Click to  
view all  
categories

Results **1-10** of **125,199**

sort by: **relevance** | [newest first](#) | [oldest first](#)

**We found a couple of specialized databases that might help you.**

- [Studies on Women and Gender Abstracts](#)
- [International Political Science Abstracts](#)

## Media Violence and Children

### Journal Article Peer Reviewed

Presents the results of the UNESCO global study on media violence and children which was conducted between 1996 and 1997. Highlights include the role of the media, media heroes as role models, media violence and aggression, differences by gender, rural versus urban environments, the pervasiveness of . . .

**By:** Groebel, Jo

**Year:** 1998

**Published in:** Educational Media International

[Check for availability](#)

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## Children and Media Violence

### Book Review Peer Reviewed

**By:** Bryant, Jennings

**Year:** 1999

**Published in:** Aggressive Behavior

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# + Useful Resources for this class

- [Oviatt Library Subject Guides](#) (all subjects)
  - Suggested Databases:
    - [Black Studies Center](#)
    - [America: History & Life \(EBSCO\)](#)
    - [Social Sciences Full Text \(H.W. Wilson\)](#)
    - [Literature Resource Center \(Gale\)](#)
    - [Opposing Viewpoints in Context](#)
    - Databases by Subject: [Africana Studies](#); [Urban Studies + Planning](#), [Sociology](#)



# Useful Resources for this class



## ■ Topic Searches

- civil disobedience AND “african American”
- prison industry AND “african american”
- “institutional racism” AND police
- “urban development” AND race
- “environmental racism”
- Thandisizwe Chimurenga

## Media Resources:

[Finding and Using Images Online](#)

[Cite Videos on YouTube](#)

[Creative Media Studio](#)

# + Citing Sources

- Use source citations to:
  - avoid plagiarism
  - demonstrate a strong understanding of the topic
  - strategically support your argument (stronger case)
  - allow readers to trace your line of reasoning







# Create and manage citations

- Use the [MLA, APA, Chicago and other style guides](#) from the library Website to format and check your citations (in text and works cited) for any media type
- Citations for books, audio/video and articles are located to the right of each record view for a selected resource.

## Cite this Book :

### APA

Kirsh, S. (2012). *Children, Adolescents, and Media Violence : A Critical Look at the Research*. Thousand Oaks, Calif.: SAGE Publications.

### MLA

Kirsh, Steven. *Children, Adolescents, and Media Violence : A Critical Look at the Research*. Thousand Oaks, Calif.: SAGE Publications, 2012.

### Turabian / Chicago

Kirsh, Steven. 2012. *Children, Adolescents, and Media Violence : A Critical Look at the Research*. Thousand Oaks, Calif.: SAGE Publications.

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Example citations from record view





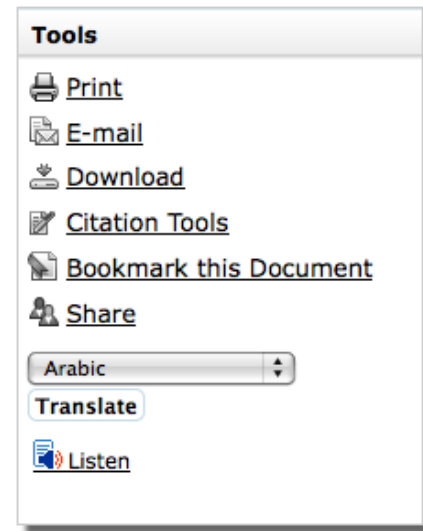
# Manage resources and citations

- Most article databases have tools to allow you to save or email a citation. The location of these tools differ between publishers. Try the following locations on the database Web page:

- Upper right or left corner
- Directly above the article
- Right or Left toolbars



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# + Oviatt Library Services

- The Oviatt Library offers these additional services:
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[Student Guide to the Oviatt Library](#)

[Map of the Library](#)

# + Personal Assistance



- Librarians are available to assist you through the following service points:
  - 24/7 “Ask a Librarian” chat service
  - Text a librarian (additional text fees may apply)
  - Reference desk
  - Subject Specialists
- I am also available for email reference and individual consultation by appointment. Please contact:  
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