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Information Resources



Think outside the box.





Contents:



- Evaluating resources
- Topic refinement and vocabulary
- Locate resources in OneSearch
- Limit, expand and sort search results
- Subject Guides
- Create and manage citations

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+ 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)?

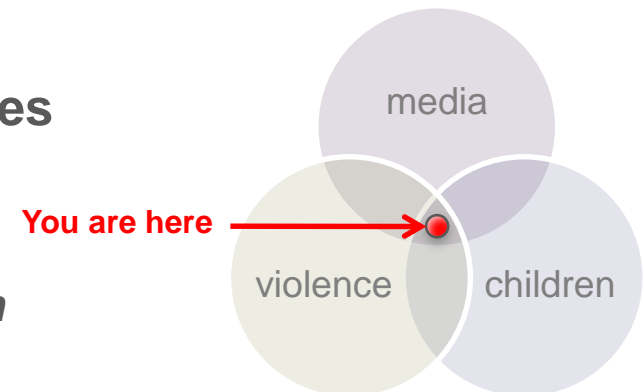
[Additional info](#) **Note:** To see if a journal is peer-reviewed, see [Ulrichs Web](#) Global Serials Directory

+ Refine your topic

- 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**



[Additional info](#)



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.

[Additional info](#)



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 – 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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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

Location	Call Number	Status
Floor2	HQ784.V55 M43 2003	IN LIBRARY

Save this record

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



Useful Resources



■ Oviatt Library Subject Guides

■ Suggested subjects for this class:

- Public Administration
- Sociology
- Political Science
- Urban Studies + Planning
- Business + Economics
- California Studies
- Research Guide for Statistics (Statistics Tutorial)
- SFV Statistical Resources
- Using U.S. Census Data via American FactFinder
- L.A. County Zip Codes

Go to Statistical Databases (see Find Articles by Subject)

To gain a broad understanding of political and social issues:
See *Opposing Viewpoints in Context* (at Databases A-Z)

+ Citing Sources – a review

- 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



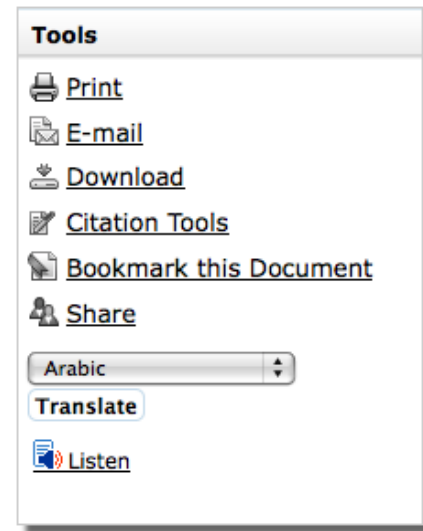
Manage resources and citations

- 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



From: Lexis Nexis
3.11.2012



From: Gale
3.11.2012

+ Oviatt Library Services

Appendix A



- The Oviatt Library offers these additional services:
 - Interlibrary Loan
 - Course reserves
 - Computers and laptops
 - Imaging, photocopying and printing
 - Study rooms and lockers
 - For users with disabilities

Other library services

Student Guide to the Oviatt Library



Oviatt Library service locations

Appendix B

Virtual Map

Library Floor	West Wing	Main Building	East Wing
Garden Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jack & Florence Ferman Presentation Room• Faculty/Graduate Student Study Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teacher Curriculum Center• Juvenile Books A-Z, TCC Books A-Z• Room 4 – Archives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AS/RS
Main Floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assistive Technology Rooms• Instruction Labs B & C• Friends Bookstore• Study Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reference Desk• Circulation Services• Interlibrary Loan• West Coast Copy• Information Desk• Reference Books A-Z• Instruction Lab A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AS/RS Viewing Room• Quiet Group Study• AS/RS
2 nd Floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Special Collections & Archives• Reading Room• C.K. & Teresa Tseng Gallery• Study Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Books (A-L)• FOLIO (A-L)• Study Area• Graduate, Group, and Individual Study Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Music & Media• International Guitar Research Archive• Books M• FOLIO M
3 rd Floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Library Administration• Admin Conference Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Books (N-Z)• Folio N-Z• Study Area• Graduate, Group, and Individual Study Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collaboratory (General use computer lab)
4 th Floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technical Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bound Periodicals (A-Z)• Study Area• Graduate, Group, and Individual Study Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reserves, Periodicals, and Microform

+ Additional assistance

Appendix C



- 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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