Consulting a librarian (Ask Early! – Ask Often!)
Me – Angie Cox angela.cox@uni.edu (e-mail works best) or 273-2839
Information Desk 273-2838 (ask for a Reference Librarian)
Info Desk e-mail http://www.library.uni.edu/ask-us-email
Info Desk chat http://askus.library.uni.edu/

Locating Research - Articles (from the library website – click on “Databases A-Z”)

ABI/Inform Complete (business, nonprofits) – Limit to Abstract or Title.
JSTOR (multidisciplinary) – Search for research back to ~ 1890
SPORTDiscus (athletics, exercise) – Limit to Abstract or Title.
PubMed (health, medicine) – Limit to Abstract or Title

Web of Knowledge – Can sort results by “Times Cited” (free EndNote Web)

Locating Behavioral Research – Articles (from the library website – click on “Databases A-Z”)

ERIC (education) – Limit to Publication Type, methodology, etc., Thesaurus, Search History, Index
PsycINFO – Limit to Publication Type, methodology, etc., Thesaurus, Search History, Index
Sociological Abstracts – “Search Tools” (Thesaurus and Combine Searches)
Social Services Abstracts – “Search Tools” (Thesaurus and Combine Searches)

Books

eBrary – online books (under “Databases A – Z”).
**Books**

- UNISTAR (Books & More)  
  (books in the UNI Library)  
  [http://unistar.uni.edu/search~S1/X](http://unistar.uni.edu/search~S1/X)  
  Use Advanced Search

- Google Books  
  (partial view online)  
  Use Advanced Search – Set to “Limited preview and full view”

- WorldCat  
  (search all academic libraries)  
  [http://www.worldcat.org/advancedsearch](http://www.worldcat.org/advancedsearch)  
  Use Advanced Search

**Hard to Find Items**

- Google Scholar  
  (Settings: “Library links” = Northern Iowa)

- Google Books  

- OneSearch!  
  [http://www.library.uni.edu](http://www.library.uni.edu)

**Rules of Thumb**

Too many results
- Try searching for terms/topics/ideas in the **Title or Abstract** of the Article
- Use a subject heading
- Contact a librarian

No results or not enough results
- Find other terms/words for your topic
- Try a Different Database
- Look in large “super” databases such as OneSearch! or Google Scholar
- Contact a librarian

**Search Tricks**  
(warning these do not work in Google or Google Scholar)

Put an asterisk - * - at the end of the root of a word to find all versions:
  e.g. abus*   …. abuse, abused, abusive, abuses, abusers, abusing,

Combine separate concepts with “**AND**”…..
  e.g.  homeless* **AND** Iowa

Combine similar concepts (synonyms) with “**OR**” and parentheses
  e.g.  child* and (neglect* **OR** abus* **OR** abandon*)