Library databases such as PsycINFO can be found on the UMSL Libraries’ Home Page at http://www.umsl.edu/library under the option for:

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The below screen shows a search history, followed by explanations, from the Advanced Ovid Search feature of PsycINFO.

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The above illustrates the steps of a suggested Keyword search. To search by keyword, uncheck the box located immediately below the search line that says:

1: The term experiment* was entered and a set 1 was created.
   - The asterisk(*) ensures that the search will retrieve records that contain the keyword experiment and all of its variants, such as experiments, experimental, etc.
   - PsycINFO added the annotation .mp.[mp=title, abstract, heading word, table of contents, key concepts] to illustrate the many parts of a record that were searched.

2: Since set 1 was created with the □ Abstracts option checked, a set 2 was automatically created where the search was narrowed just to the abstracts.

3: A search has been performed with stress* and the term anxiety on the same line, thus creating a set 3.
   - The search terms were limited to article/record TITLES by clicking the ○ Title option above the search line. PsycINFO automatically adds the annotation .m_titl., and puts the search in parentheses.
   - The terms have been separated with the “Boolean operator” or since both terms are being treated equally.

4: A search has been performed with the terms perceiv* and anxiety in a way identical to the previous search, thereby creating set 4.

5: A set has been created using the numbers for the three previous sets, with 2 standing for set 2, while numerals 3 and 4 stand for set 3 and 4, etc.
   - IMPORTANT: The term and between the set numbers ensures that all relevant search terms from every set will appear in the retrieved records.

6: The Additional Limits button has been clicked. At the Limit a Search screen, set 5 was limited to empirical studies from peer-reviewed journals that are in english.
As long as a set is highlighted, one can click the button and select any number of available options from the Limit a Search screen.

**NOTE:** One can limit a set to **Full Text** articles. This option is found below the search line.

- There is a BETTER limit, which is to **PsycARTICLES Journals**, also found below the search line. The latter limit is a BETTER limit because it is composed of over 50 full text journals put out by the American Psychological Association.
- If you select the **Full Text** option you WILL get everything that is in **PsycARTICLES Journals** but you will also retrieve medical/psychiatric articles (such as medication studies, neurological evaluations, etc.) that, strictly speaking, are not pure-psychology. Still, some of this material might be relevant. Use your judgement!
- **If you check both** **PsycARTICLES Journals** and the option for **Full Text** at the same time you will only get PsycARTICLES journals!

**To find articles in full-text:**

If a database does not have the full-text of an article the (Article Linker) icon appears alongside the citations in your search results. Clicking this icon will let you:

1) Find the article in ANOTHER library database. It does this by providing you with a direct link to that article.

2) Often, for technical reasons, knows that an article exists in another database but cannot provide a direct link to the article itself. So, will take you to the database. You will then have to search for the article by plugging-in keywords from the title, author, etc.

3) If the article is not online in anyway will find the journal that contains the article in the libraries’ catalog. You will then copy down the journal’s call number and location and find the article on the Libraries’ shelves.

4) If the journal is not available at UMSL then provides a link to Submit an Interlibrary Loan Request. The article will be sent to you electronically as a PDF. You can also go to the ILL service directly from the Libraries’ Homepage by choosing Library Services → Interlibrary Loan

**BOOKS:** To find books go to the UM-St. Louis Catalog or MOBIUS Union Catalog and search by Subjects (Library of Congress) for your topic. **Example:**

African Americans – Psychology

Another helpful way to search is by KeyWords. **Example:**

language learn* and emotion* (note the asterisks!)

**REMEMBER:**

1) The MOBIUS catalog lets you get books from over 60 other universities!
2) You can easily have the books sent to the Thomas Jefferson Library using the MOBIUS system.
3) UMSL is part of the MERLIN cluster for retrieving books from MOBIUS.
4) To request books from MOBIUS you will use: 0 + your student (“EmplID”) ID.

**FOR MORE HELP**

Go to the Libraries’ Homepage and…

Click [RESEARCH HELP] to request a [RESEARCH CONSULTATION], or go directly to:
http://www.umsl.edu/services/library/requests/researchconsultation/

Click [RESEARCH HELP] and select [TUTORIALS] from the libraries’ home page, or go directly to:
http://www.umsl.edu/services/libteach/