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## Psychology Research Resources

*This is a general guide for locating books, journal articles, and Web resources on this topic. Please contact the librarian at the end of the document if you need further assistance or drop by the reference desk to ask for help at any time.*

### Finding Books in the Library Catalog

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The most efficient way to find books related to your research is to search the Prescott Memorial Library Catalog using keywords or subject terms. If the list of book titles seems to be on the topic you want, look for additional titles using the blue links on the side of the screen or in the “Details” record.

If you prefer to just browse the shelves, you can locate books in our circulating and reference areas in the following call number areas: Psychology (BF) on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor and Psychiatry (RC) on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor.

Some appropriate Library of Congress subject terms include: psychology, personality, educational psychology, social psychology, developmental psychology, behavior modification, psychological literature, psychological tests, psychology—research, psychology-study and teaching, psychometrics, psychopharmacology, psychotherapy, etc.

### Reference Books

Reference books can be helpful in locating specific technical information. The following books are located on the main floor in our Reference Book collection:

*Comprehensive Handbook of Psychological Assessment, Vols. 1-4*  
Hersen, Michel. (BF176 .C654 2004)

*Encyclopedia of psychology and behavioral science, Vols. 1-4*  
Craighead, W. Edward. (BF31 .E52 1994 and NetLibrary)

*Encyclopedia of learning and memory*  
Squire, Larry R. (BF318 .E53 1992)

*The encyclopedia of phobias, fears, and anxieties*  
Doctor, Ronald M. (RC535 .D63 1989)

*International encyclopedia of psychiatry, psychology, psychoanalysis & neurology*  
Wolman, Benjamin B., Vols. 1-12 (RC334 .I57)

**Electronic Books (e-Books)** - We have a growing number of books available in electronic format which means they are read from your computer screen and their pages can be reproduced from your computer printer. *NetLibrary* books are searchable in the library catalog as well as the supplier’s site with over 60,000 titles in the collection.

### Finding Articles in Journals

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Unless you know the title of an article or journal for your research, you will use the online indexes to locate scholarly journal articles. Some of the articles are available in full-text

format, so that you can view them and print them while at your computer. Some of the articles will be found in our print journals located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, and you will use the "Search the Tech Catalog" link to get the call number so you can find the journal and make a copy of the article.

Keep in mind that we do not have access to all of the articles listed. However, if you find a citation that sounds perfect for your research paper and it is not available through the library, consider using the InterLibrary Loan option located under "Library Services" from the library homepage.

## Online Article Indexes

To find **online citations** and some full text articles on your topic: 1) click *Find: Articles* on the homepage, then 2) click *Indexes & Databases* button to see an entire list of the library's indexes and databases. Recommended Indexes are listed below:

**Academic Search Complete** - a very good multidisciplinary index with many full-text online articles

**CINAHL Plus** - abstracts with some full-text to more than 3000 nursing and allied health journals from the fields of nursing and allied health

**ERIC** - database of journal and non-journal educational literature with nearly 1.2 million citations going back to 1966; Full-text and abstract coverage.

**HealthSource** - Database providing full text scholarly articles for over 600 journals and abstracts for 850 journals covering many medical disciplines (1975-present).

**JSTOR** - full text of over 500 peer-reviewed journals in selected sciences; dated coverage

**MEDLINE / MEDLINE Full Text** - Index to international biomedical literature from National Library of Medicine from over 4,800 journals; primarily abstracts (1989-present)

**Mental Measurements Yearbook** - Full-text guide to over 2,000 contemporary testing instruments, containing essential information for test evaluation.

**Project Muse** - 250 scholarly journals in a multi-disciplinary collection

**Psychology & Behavioral Collection** - Nearly 575 full-text publications, including nearly 550 peer-reviewed titles.

**PsycInfo** - Contains more than 2.3 million citations, abstracts, or full-text of scholarly journal articles, book chapters, and dissertations dating back to 1800's

**PubMed** - National Library of Medicine web site with over 16 million citations to biomedical articles; PubMed Central provides full text articles and other related resources. (1950's-present)

**SocIndex** - Covers over 4,000 journals, 547 books and 6,711 conference papers in sociology and related subjects

## Specific Journal Titles

To find **journal titles** when you already have a citation or know a specific journal you want to find, follow these 3 steps: 1) click *Find: Articles* on the homepage, 2) click *Journals* button 3) type the journal title in the first box to see if it is available electronically or in the second box to see if it available in print in the library.

**A-Z Electronic Journals** - lists all of the library's journals available in full-text format and provides links to the journal articles. It also indicates if the journal is available in "Print." Some key titles include:

*Annual Review of Psychology* (1950-present) - Print Call No. **BF30 .A56** / Online in *Academic Search Premier*

*Current Psychology Research and Reviews* (1990-present) - Online in *Academic Search Premier*

*Journal of Psychology* (1953-present) - Print Call No. **BF1 .J67** / Online in *Academic Search Premier*

**Prescott Memorial Library Catalog** - allows you to search for the journal in the library collection and provides the call number to locate the journal on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the library. Some key titles include:

*American Psychologist* (1958-present) - Print Call No. BF1 .A55

*Contemporary Psychology: APA Review of Books* (1956-2004) - Print Call No. BF1 .C53

*Psychological Bulletin* (1904-present) - Print Call No. BF1 .P75

*Psychological Review* (1959-present) - Print Call No. BF1 .P7

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## Web Resources

Information retrieved from the open Web must be reviewed for **authority, accuracy and authenticity**. Even with these limitations, there are some excellent information resources available particularly those associated with government agencies, universities and organizations.

### Search Engines

[Google Scholar](http://scholar.google.com/)

<http://scholar.google.com/>

[PSYC SITE](http://psych.hanover.edu/Krantz/journal.html)

<http://psych.hanover.edu/Krantz/journal.html>

[PSYCLine Journals](http://www.psycline.org/journals/)

<http://www.psycline.org/journals/>

### Informational

[American Psychological Association \(APA\)](http://www.apa.org/) <http://www.apa.org/>

[APA Electronic Style Guide](http://www.apastyle.org/eleceref.html) <http://www.apastyle.org/eleceref.html>

[American Psychological Society \(APS\)](http://www.psychologicalscience.org/) <http://www.psychologicalscience.org/>

[Encyclopedia of Psychology](http://www.psychology.org) <http://www.psychology.org>

[Internet Public Library Subject Collection for Psychology](http://www.ipl.org/div/subject/browse/soc30.00.00/)

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[List of Psychology Associations](http://www.library.yale.edu/socsci/subjguides/psychology/associations.html)

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[National Center for PTSD](http://www.ncptsd.va.gov/) <http://www.ncptsd.va.gov/>

(This site has definitions, information on diagnosis and treatment for victims or witnesses of traumatic or life-threatening events)

[National Institute of Mental Health](http://www.nimh.nih.gov/) <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/>

[Oregon Board of Psychologist Examiners](http://www.obpe.state.or.us/) <http://www.obpe.state.or.us/>

[Personality Project](http://www.personality-project.org/) <http://www.personality-project.org/>

(Psychology Dept. at Northwestern University)

[PsychScholar](http://psych.hanover.edu/Krantz/) <http://psych.hanover.edu/Krantz/>

(Gateway to resources for current and future scholars)

[Psych Web](http://www.psychwww.com/)

(Maintained by Russell A. Dewey at Georgia Southern University) <http://www.psychwww.com/>

[School Psychology Resources Online](http://www.bcpl.lib.md.us/~sandyste/school_psych.html) [http://www.bcpl.lib.md.us/~sandyste/school\\_psych.html](http://www.bcpl.lib.md.us/~sandyste/school_psych.html)

[Social Psychology Network](http://www.socialpsychology.org/) <http://www.socialpsychology.org/>

[Social Science Information Gateway: Psychology](http://www.sosig.ac.uk/psychology/)

<http://www.sosig.ac.uk/psychology/>

[WWW Virtual Library: Psychology](http://www.dialogical.net/psychology/index.html)

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