

Northeast Lakeview College LRC

Resource Guide – Psychology

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GETTING STARTED USING THE ONLINE CATALOG – Books & More!

<http://library.alamo.edu/search/X>

Use the Online Catalog to find materials owned by NLC, SAC, PAC, SPC, and NWV. You can identify e-books, physical books, periodical titles, media items, and government documents.

By doing an **ADVANCED KEYWORD** search, you can specify a specific college, a specific type of material, or a combination of criteria by using **BOOLEAN** connectors **AND**, **OR**, and **AND NOT**.

Use **Subject:** to search within the **subject** field only. This will generally help to narrow your search results by producing fewer matches, for example:

depression (limited to Northeast Lakeview College) - 212 results

Subject: depression (limited to Northeast Lakeview College) - 48 results

Use **AND** to narrow your search:

Subject: depression **AND** anxiety – 4 results

Subject: depression **AND** treat* – 15 results (use asterisk to indicate truncation for 1-5 characters to expand your search, for example, treat* will find treating, treatment, etc.)

Multiple words not in quotes are searched first as a **phrase**. Results are shown with any phrase matches and then with the words searched individually but “**ANDed**” together. To narrow your search to only a specific phrase, enclose it in quotation marks, for example:

child psychology is a different search than “*child psychology*”

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

The following books in the NLC Reference section may be particularly helpful for psychology research:

APA Dictionary of Psychology: REF BF31 .A65 2007

Encyclopedia of Multicultural Psychology: REF GN502 .E63 2006

Handbook of Stress Medicine and Health: REF QP82.2 .S8 H363 2005

Additional books can be found in the circulating collection. The majority of psychology books are classified under call numbers beginning with **BF**.

GETTING STARTED USING ELECTRONIC DATABASES – Articles & More!

http://www.alamo.edu/nlc/library/t_Electronic%20Databases.htm

Use the databases that are most appropriate for your subject. Some databases are broad and cross field disciplines, whereas others are more focused on a particular subject area. Click on a particular subject, such as [Psychology](#), to take you to the appropriate list of databases. [PsycINFO](#) and [Psychological & Behavioral Sciences Collection](#) are the two core databases for psychology. You might also try a general database such as [Academic Search Complete](#), [JSTOR](#), or [Academic OneFile](#).

PsycINFO

PsycINFO, from the American Psychological Association (APA), contains more than 2.4 million citations and summaries of scholarly journal articles and other sources. 97 percent of the covered material is peer-reviewed.

This database defaults to the **Advanced Search**, which allows you to enter up to 3 pieces of information. Use the BOOLEAN connectors AND, OR, NOT to enter a specific search. Several search limiters are available, including Publication Date, Peer-Reviewed, Age Groups, Intended Audience, Document Type, Methodology, and more!

The screenshot shows the EBSCO search interface for PsycINFO. At the top, there are navigation tabs: "New Search", "Thesaurus", "Cited References", "Indexes", and "Sign". Below this, the search criteria are displayed: "Searching: PsycINFO" with a "Choose Databases" link. The search terms are "Dissociative identity disorder" and "abuse", connected by "and". The database selected is "SU Subjects". There are "Search" and "Clear" buttons. Below the search terms, there are two more rows for additional search terms, each with a "Select a Field (optional)" dropdown and an "Add Row" link. At the bottom, there are navigation links: "Basic Search", "Advanced Search", "Visual Search", "Search History/Alerts", and "Preferences".

Use the **Thesaurus** to look up standardized Subject Terms (for example, the term “dissociative identity disorder” is used instead of “multiple personality”).

Browsing: **PsycINFO -- Thesaurus**

multiple personality

Term Begins With Term Contains Relevancy Ranked

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Select term, then add to search using:

(Click term to display details.)

Multiple Personality Use [Dissociative Identity Disorder](#)


The results are broken down by type of material: Peer Reviewed Journals, Books/Monographs, Dissertation Abstracts, etc. (choose “Narrow Results by” > “Source Types” in the side panel).

Psychological & Behavioral Sciences Collection

Psychological & Behavioral Sciences Collection is a comprehensive database which covers topics such as emotional and behavioral characteristics, psychiatry & psychology, mental processes, anthropology, and observational and experimental methods. This EbscoHost database also defaults to the Advanced Search screen and offers several limiters.

New Search | Subjects | Publications | Indexes Sign In to

Searching: **Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection** [Choose Databases »](#)

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FINDING FULLTEXT USING A TO Z ONLINE JOURNAL LOCATOR

If fulltext is not available for a particular article, use the A to Z Journal Locator to find out if it is fulltext in another database.

<https://proxy.nlc.alamo.edu:4443/login?url=http://atoz.ebsco.com/Search.asp?id=8525>

ONLINE RESOURCES

A wealth of psychology information is available online, but be sure to evaluate the quality of any online source before using it. Check out our list of helpful free websites at:

http://www.alamo.edu/nlc/library/t_links.html#socialandbehavioralsciences

(scroll down to the Psychology section)