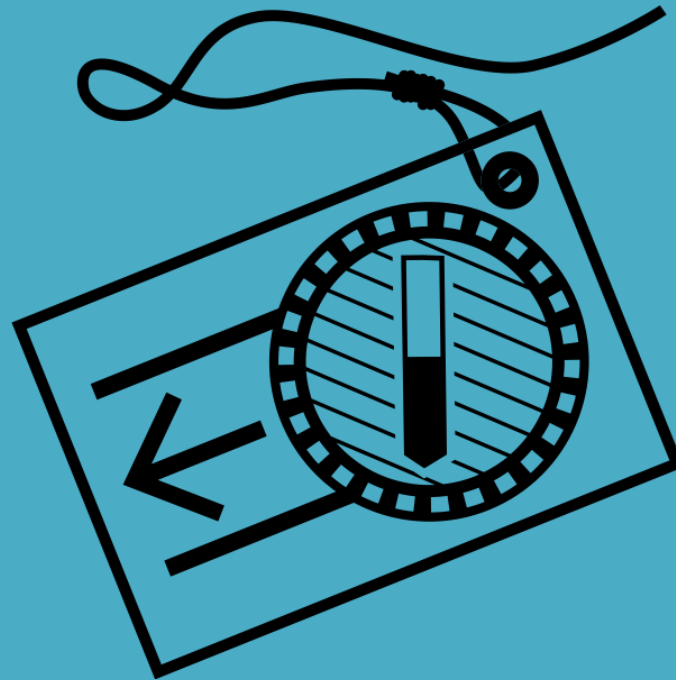


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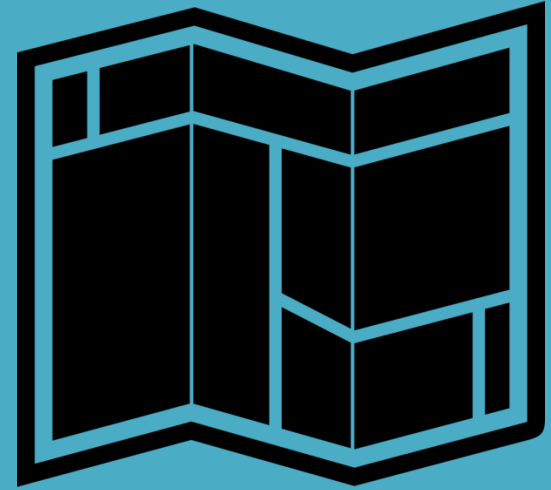


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roadmap



discussion: research/library tips + challenges

brief overview of library services & resources

questions (at any time)

tips + challenges

Discuss/chat

- i. one research and/or library-related TIP you have for other grad students:

what have you learned to make it easier?

- ii. one research and/or library-related CHALLENGE you have:

what have you been struggling with or feel you could do better than you are now?

“I need to learn about
____ *[insert your topic here]* _____ ,
where should I start?”



before starting your research

brainstorm the following:

what *information* would you like to find?

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what are some *good words* for searching?
(+ gather new words as you go)

what are some *good places to search*?
who might *publish* this information?

academic publication flow

scholar(s) doing research



conference presentations, journal articles



books summarize recent research



textbooks, reference books, encyclopedias

researching a new area

conference presentations, journal articles



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textbooks, reference books, encyclopedias

I found this online; can I use it?

The wider internet can be a
great source for NICHE topics

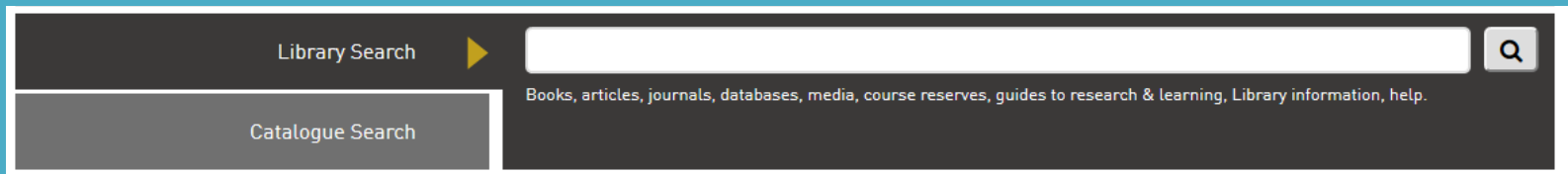
[because: nerds]



So how can you tell how
reliable the information is?

library search options

lib.sfu.ca



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the SFU Library website. On the left, there are two buttons: "Library Search" (highlighted with a white border and a yellow arrow) and "Catalogue Search". To the right of these buttons is a large white search input field with a magnifying glass icon on the right side. Below the search field, there is a line of small text: "Books, articles, journals, databases, media, course reserves, guides to research & learning, Library information, help."

Google Scholar

access through
SFU Library!

keyword vs subject search

search with **keywords** that describe your topic



from the search results, find some that are relevant

look at their **subject headings**; click to find other relevant sources



database search tips

Boolean operators: AND, OR, ()

truncation *

look for

subjects
(aka subject headings)
(aka index terms)
alternate terms

search for separate concepts,
then combine your search sets



what if we don't have it?

suggest it to me by email

inter-library loans

borrow it in-person from any other academic library in the area (or another Canadian academic library if you're travelling) using a COPPUL card*

*visit the Loans Desk before you leave

Organize what you learn with a citation manager

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Library Search



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