



advanced research

search strategies and techniques

	Library Catalog	Databases	Internet
Boolean Logic AND, OR, NOT	yes	yes	yes
Truncation *	yes	yes	no
Keyword Searching	yes	yes	yes
Subject Searching	yes	yes	Google: no Yahoo Directory: yes
Exact Phrases	yes	yes	" " on basic screen
Case Sensitivity	no	no	no
Common Limits	Material Type Location Field Language	Full Text Peer Reviewed Field Language Type of Publication Date	Domain (.org, .com, .gov) Language Date

Other Considerations

Spelling color, colour

Stop Words a, an, the, for, of, etc.

Nesting use parentheses to group keywords when using Boolean operators

Proximity NEAR, ADJ, WITHIN #

Wildcard wom*n= woman or women