Consulting a librarian (Ask Early! – Ask Often!)

Me – Chris Neuhaus chris.neuhaus@uni.edu (e-mail works best) or 273-3718

Reference Desk 273-2838 (ask for a Reference Librarian)

Research Consultation http://www.library.uni.edu/library-instruction/request-research-consultation

Ref Desk e-mail http://www.library.uni.edu/ask-us-email

Ref Desk chat http://askus.library.uni.edu/

Locating Education Research - Articles (from the library website – click on “Databases A-Z”)

ERIC (EBSCO) – Limit to Abstract or Title. Discover good subject headings.

Education Full Text – Limit to Document Type, Search History

Education Index Retrospective – Search historical material back to 1923

JSTOR – Narrow to Discipline “Education” and search historical material back to ~ 1900

Web of Knowledge – Can sort results by “Times Cited” (free EndNote Web)

Locating Behavioral Research – Articles (from the library website – click on “Databases A-Z”)

PsycINFO – Limit to Publication Type, methodology, etc., Thesaurus, Search History, Index

Sociological Abstracts - “Search Tools” (Thesaurus and Combine Searches)

Social Services Abstracts – “Search Tools” (Thesaurus and Combine Searches)

Books

eBrary – online books (under “Databases A – Z”).
Books

UNISTAR (Books & More)  http://unistar.uni.edu/search~S1/X
(books in the UNI Library)  Use Advanced Search

(partial view online)  Use Advanced Search – Set to “Limited preview and full view”

WorldCat  http://www.worldcat.org/advancedsearch
(search all academic libraries)  Use Advanced Search

Hard to Find Items

Google Scholar  http://scholar.google.com/ (Settings: “Library links” = Northern Iowa)
Google Books  http://books.google.com/
OneSearch! http://www.library.uni.edu

Rules of Thumb

Too many results
- Try searching for terms/topics/ideas in the **Title or Abstract** of the Article
- Use the Thesaurus
- Contact a librarian

No results or not enough results
- Find other terms/words for your topic
- Try a Different Database
- Look in large “super” databases such as OneSearch! or Google Scholar
- Contact a librarian

Search Tricks

Put an asterisk - * - at the end of the root of a word to find all versions:
  e.g. abus*   …. abuse, abused, abusive, abuses, abusers, abusing,

Combine separate concepts with “**AND**”…..
  e.g. homeless* **AND** Iowa

Combine similar concepts (synonyms) with “**OR**” and parentheses
  e.g. child* and (neglect* **OR** abus* **OR** abandon*)