

Library Resources: Social Work

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Searching for Resources

Where should I begin searching for sources for a research paper?

[Social Work Research Guide](#)

- Comprehensive guide to searching for, locating, and retrieving resources relevant to social work topics

Search using the the QuickSearch box on the [Rutgers University Libraries home page](#)

- [QuickSearch help](#)

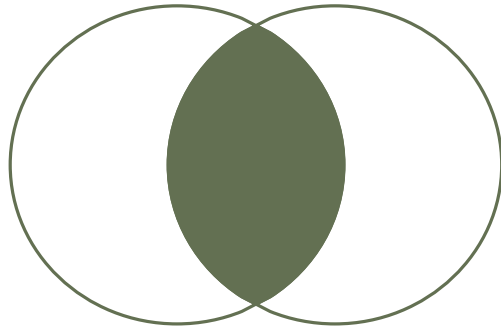
The screenshot displays the Rutgers University Libraries website. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the Rutgers University Libraries logo and name on the left, and navigation links for 'Rutgers Home', 'Search Rutgers', 'Hours', 'My Account', and 'Ask Us' on the right. Below the header is a red navigation bar with links for 'Find', 'Services & Tools', 'Get Help', 'Places & Spaces', 'Info for...', and 'About'. The main content area features a 'QuickSEARCH' box with a search input field containing the text 'Search library resources', a dropdown menu set to 'Rutgers Libraries', and a search button. Below the search box, there are three columns of content: 'Resources' (listing Databases and Journals), 'Services' (listing Reserve a Room and Interlibrary Loan (ILL)), and 'Today's Hours | All Hours and Locations' (listing Alexander 7:45 am-11 pm and Art 9 am-5 pm).

Search Tips

Pair Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) with search terms for more specific results.

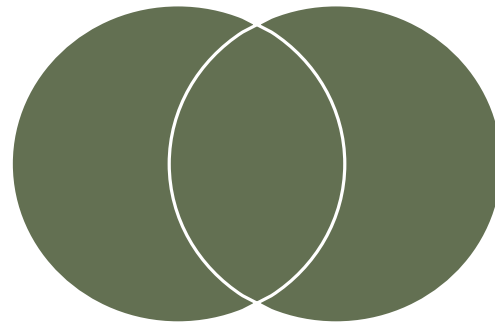
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AND alcohol



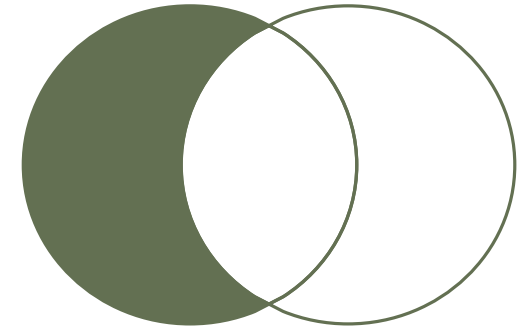
OR

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OR alcohol



NOT

Ex: Substance abuse
NOT alcohol



Search Tips

Use punctuation to create complex search queries.

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Quotation marks indicate that a phrase should be considered in its entirety.

Ex: “Substance abuse” AND alcohol

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Parentheses allow complex queries to be layered.

Ex: Substance abuse AND (treatment OR therapy)

APA Citation Style

APA citation style is integral to scholarly writing in the social and health sciences.

Review the videos/tutorials below for basic guidance on APA citation style:

[American Psychological Association: Basics of APA Style](#)

[Purdue OWL: APA Basics](#)

[Purdue OWL: APA Reference List Basics](#)

Need additional assistance with in-text citations?

Review the supplementary “APA Style Tips: Creating In-Text Citations” slideshow

Additional Services

Citation Management Software

- [Refworks 3](#)
- [EndNote](#)

Accessing Resources Outside of the Rutgers Libraries

- [How do I request an Interlibrary Loan?](#)

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