

# Researching at the Library?

Understanding these library terms may help you find information more efficiently.

## Library Resources

### LIBRARY CATALOGUE

A searchable collection of all the items that a library owns (books, magazines, videos, etc.)

### INTERLIBRARY LOAN

A service that allows a user of one library to borrow books or other materials owned by another library

### CLASS NUMBER

The number on the spine of a library book, which is like an address to tell where the book is located in the library



## Search Terms

### ABSTRACT

A brief summary of an article, thesis or conference proceeding

### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL

A scholarly journal that has articles submitted and reviewed by experts in the same field (e.g., doctors are peers that review other doctors' articles submitted to a medical journal)

### BOOLEAN SEARCH

A type of search that allows users to combine search terms by using the operators AND, NOT and OR to broaden or narrow a search

### HTML FULL TEXT

An article or book formatted differently from its original published form that provides greater accessibility, easier navigation and links to related content (an alternative format to PDF)

### E-BOOK FULL TEXT

The full text of an entire e-book



## Content Formats

### TRADE PUBLICATION

Also called a professional magazine, it is written and published for a specific industry or profession (*Library Journal*, *Chef Magazine*, *Popular Mechanics*)

### PRIMARY SOURCE

An artifact or document that is a first-hand account of a person, event or time period (e.g., a soldier's letter or diary from the Civil War)

### EPUB

An electronic publication of an e-book that supports reflowable text (which automatically resizes to fit your screen) so it can easily be read and navigated on a device of any size

### PUBLICATION TYPE

This refers to the format of the information source, such as periodical, newspaper or book

### SWOT ANALYSIS

In business research, a tool used to identify an organization's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats

