CONDUCTING A LITERATURE REVIEW

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Objectives

By the end of this session you will be able to:

- Develop a research plan
- Use effective research strategies to locate appropriate resources
- Locate and expand your knowledge of specialized databases
- Utilize bibliographies to expand your research results
Purpose of a Literature Review
Gather, review and analyze published literature

- A lit review can be:
  - Preface to primary research, a thesis or dissertation
  - Chapter in a thesis or dissertation
  - Part of a grant proposal
  - Autonomous item
Literature Review contains:

- Introduction
- Bibliography
- Conclusion
Annotated Bibliography contains:

- A summary or evaluation
- Length of annotation varies
Important Library Resources

- Guides > Subject List
  - Graduate Student Resources
- USF Libraries Catalog
- Databases
  - By Title
  - By Subject
Important Library Services

- Find My Librarian
- Research Consultation
- Ask a Librarian
- Borrowing from other Libraries
  - Interlibrary Loan (ILL)
  - UBorrow
Database Searching

- Scholarly journal articles, images, videos, audio
- Boolean Logic
  - Use AND, OR, NOT
Standard Database Tools

- Create an account
- Save to a folder
- Export to a Bib Manager (sw)
- Enable Alerting Services
- Check the Thesauri
Follow the Bibliographic Trail

- Read bibliographies
- Identify dissertations
- Locate scholars in your field
- Enable Alerting Services
Advantages:

- Keeps your work organized
- Creates bibliographies in any style
- Enables In-Text citations
Tips

- Keep notes of:
  - Where you searched
  - What you searched
  - Search terms used
  - Results
  - Articles and bibliographies reviewed