Title: Exploring library resources, developing research strategies, and managing references

Abstract:
The main purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of how to conduct research using resources available through the University of Arizona Library. The intended audience is new or continuing graduate students who are majors or minors in SLAT who want to learn more about discovering library resources, developing effective research strategies, and using reference management tools. People from other departments are welcome, too. The main topics that will be covered include, but are not limited to, an overview of the UA Library homepage, the online SLAT subject guide, as well as several databases, e.g., Academic Search Complete, ERIC, Google Scholar, Proquest, and Web of Science. We will also provide a brief introduction to reference management tools, e.g., Mendeley and RefWorks. Finally, we will mention some free services that are available through the UA Library and provide research tips and strategies.

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