Exploring Library Resources, Developing Research Strategies, and Managing References

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Overview

http://www.library.arizona.edu
Getting Organized

"My account" at U of A Library
How to save your preferred searches and get email alerts
RefWorks

Before you start any research:
1. Create an account on RefWorks. It is free for UA students, but you need to access it through UA link by going to Search and Find > Articles and Databases > Search by letter > Click on R > Then scroll down to RefWorks.

2. Create a folder for any research topic on your RefWorks account.
RefWorks (cont'd)

3. As you search through UA databases, keep exporting references that interest you or are related to your research topic.

Hint: You can read the abstract to see if it is related before you export it, but don’t go to the PDF file and start reading it thoroughly because you might lose track of what you were researching and need to start over.

4. RefWorks in 20 minutes (highly recommended)
Disciplinary Databases

- Are related to a specific discipline
- Provide researchers with in-depth specialized literature

Two ways to access them through UA library:

1. Search and Find > Articles and Databases > Find databases in your **SUBJECT** area, e.g., Linguistics.

2. Search and Find > **Subject guide** > Scroll down to your discipline > **Second Language Acquisition and Teaching**.
Disciplinary Databases

Two important disciplinary databases in our field:

1. The Encyclopedia of Language & Linguistics or any other specialized encyclopedia

2. Linguistics and Language Behaviour Abstracts (LLBA)
Multidisciplinary Databases

Why use them?
- Help find references on interdisciplinary topics
- Provide various perspectives and more thorough search than disciplinary databases alone

Some examples for our field:
- Academic Search Complete
- JSTOR
- ScienceDirect
Academic Search Complete (ASC)

- Watch the tutorial, and use the "Help" function to get the most out of this database.

- When using a database like this, if you are going to use it multiple times, you should sign up for an account.
  - Create a folder for each research topic.
  - Save articles to your folders as you do searches.

- ASC does not allow for selecting multiple articles to export to RefWorks all at once. But if you save them in a folder, there is a checkbox where you can select some or all of the articles, and export them all at once.
Conducting a cited reference

**Google Scholar**

*Note*: How to access Google Scholar off campus?

**Web of Science**

Web of Science provides researchers and students with quick, powerful access to the world’s leading citation databases, authoritative, multidisciplinary content covers over 12,000 of the highest impact journal worldwide, and over 150,000 conference proceedings.
ERIC guide

an index for all EDUCATION topics

- ERIC indexes journal articles in 1,000 education-related journals. Abstracts are provided. Some full text journal articles are available.

- ERIC indexes ERIC Documents. These are education materials not published elsewhere, such as curriculum guides, various research reports, and conference papers.
Searching Dissertations & Theses

**ProQuest** interactive tutorial

All doctoral dissertations and some master's theses from most North American and many European colleges and universities. See also our **Guide** for locating dissertations & theses.
Citation Management

RefWorks
http://www.library.arizona.edu/help/tutorials/refworks/index.html

Mendeley
www.mendeley.com/features/
Recommended course at UA

LIBR 696a 1-credit 10 week online grad course

http://ulib696.weebly.com

The final project for the course is a research portfolio.

Merica McNeil's research portfolio:
Questions?
http://www.library.arizona.edu/ask