Objectives

1. Find books and other material
2. Access the A-to-Z Journal List
3. Conduct a literature search
4. Health statistics on the Web

Where and How Can I Find Information Resources I Need?

Library Online Catalog

- Find information about books, journals, government documents, and more

Contact Information

- Ruiling Guo, MLIS, AHIP
  Health Sciences Librarian
  Eli M. Oboler Library, Room 327A
  (208) 282-3104
  guoruil@isu.edu
- IHSL Reference Desk
  (208) 282-4686 or (800) 363-4781
  ihsl@isu.edu
Access Electronic Books

- STAT!Ref
  - A collection of more than 80 electronic books related to health and medical fields (October 5, 2009)
  - Restricted access to this resource
- MD Consult
  - Over 50 medical reference books
  - No restriction for access at ISU
- Other E-books

Scholarly and Non-Scholarly Journals

- Scholarly and non-scholarly journals
- Access the A-to-Z Journal List
- Submit an Interlibrary Loan request

Scholarly and Non-Scholarly Journals

- Scholarly
  - Length
    - Long and in-depth analysis of topics
  - Language/Audience
    - Full of technical jargon
    - Written for researchers, professors or students in the academic field
  - Format/Structure
    - Follows some specific structure: abstract, introduction, methodology, results, discussion, conclusion, references, etc.
- Non-scholarly
  - Length
    - Fairly short
  - Language/Audience
    - Written in non-technical language for non-expert readers
  - Format/Structure
    - Does not follow a specific format

Scholarly and Non-Scholarly Journals

- Scholarly
  - Authors
    - Expert in a particular field: a scholar or researcher with noted credentials
  - Editors
    - Articles are reviewed by members of an editorial board who are experts in the field
  - References
    - Sources are cited with bibliographies documenting the research thoroughly
  - Advertising
    - Limited ads, special services or products in a specific field
- Non-scholarly
  - Authors
    - Reporter or any writer. Name and credentials are not included
  - Editors
    - Not reviewed by experts, but by magazine staff members
  - References
    - Not provided
  - Advertising
    - Many general consumer ads

Source: [http://www.isu.edu/library/help/journalmag.htm](http://www.isu.edu/library/help/journalmag.htm)
Plan a Literature Search

- Find a search topic that interests you
- Clearly define your search topic
- Identify the concepts of your search topic
- Choose appropriate search terms
- Determine the appropriate databases for your search

Plan a Literature Search

- Conduct a keyword search or advanced search
- Review search results
- Repeat as needed

Plan a Literature Search

Research Topic:
Find articles about the application of health belief model to HIV/AIDS education in adolescents

Plan a Literature Search

- Determine the concept(s)

Concept A
health belief model

Concept B
HIV/AIDS
**Boolean Operators**

**Boolean Operator:** AND

- Health belief model AND HIV/AIDS
- Narrow down the search

**Boolean Operators**

- **Boolean Operator:** OR

- Human immunodeficiency virus OR HIV
- Broaden the search

**Boolean Operators**

- **Boolean Operator:** NOT

- Adolescents NOT adults
- Narrow down the search

**Other Search Methods**

- **Truncation**
  - Truncation symbols are used when searching for suffix variations. For example, therap* retrieves therapy, therapies, therapist, and therapists.

- **Quotation marks**
  - Search an exact phrase, e.g., “prevention program”

- **Search string**
  - (HIV OR human immunodeficiency virus OR AIDS) AND health belief model AND (adolescen* OR teenag*)

**CINAHL with Full Text**

- CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature) is the authoritative resource for nursing and allied health.
- It contains journals, book reviews, dissertations, proceedings, etc.
- It covers more than 2,737 journals and provides full text for more than 600 journals dating back to 1981. Eight users have been purchased.
- It includes 20 health education journal titles.
**PubMed (MEDLINE)**

- **Scope**  
  - Medicine, nutrition, pharmacy, and more ...
- **Source**  
  - Over 5246 biomedical journals and more than 19 million citations back to 1948
- **Type of Articles**  
  - Clinical trials, reviews, guidelines, etc.

**PsycINFO**

- PsycINFO is a product of the American Psychological Association (APA).
- Contains about 2.4 million citations and summaries of scholarly journal articles, book chapters, books, and dissertations in psychology and related disciplines dating back to the 1800s.

1. Click on the Idaho Health Sciences Library link.
2. Type search terms in the Search box and start your search.
3. To submit your interlibrary loan request, click on the Request Form.
Enter your Bengal Card Number and your last name. Then, click on Login.

**Health Statistics on the Web**

- CDC Data & Statistics  
  - [http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/](http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/)
- National Center for Health Statistics  
  - [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/)
- U.S. Census Bureau  
  - [http://www.census.gov/](http://www.census.gov/)

**Internet Resources**

- WHO Statistical Information System  
- Idaho Health Statistics  