Research tips for LALs

- A guide for the bewildered
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In this session we will...

- Look at various research strategies
- Explore research databases and why you need to use them
- Demonstrate key features to keep in mind no matter what database you are searching – Full text, information in a record, subject headings, citing
- Hands on practical search exercise using databases

Search terms

Boolean searching has 3 logical operators
1. AND
2. OR
3. NOT

AND
“poverty and crime”
“poverty crime”
Searches for articles containing both poverty AND crime
Google as we know it

Getting information off the Internet is like taking a drink from a fire hydrant.
Google using Tools to limit a search

Google using Advanced Search option in settings

Google Advanced Search
- AND
- Phrase search “ “
- Or
- Not
Is this website trying to sell us something? Does this matter?

Should Phones Be Allowed In School? Let's Weigh The Pros And Cons

https://huntertafe.libguides.com/research/googlescholar

Google Scholar

https://huntertafe.libguides.com/TPC
Subject Headings might help
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Subject headings
Films? Movies? Motion Pictures?
Mobile phones? Cell phones?
Smartphones?
Asylum seekers – refugees – immigrants – boat people - illegal
HELP
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