

# Smart Search Tips using Databases

## Search Terms and how to use them:

- Synonyms & related terms
- Language & relevance
- Combine terms (Phrase search) using “ ”
- Boolean Operators [**AND, OR, NOT**] always capitalized followed by words in ( )

## Assessing Results:

- Sort by date
- Focus on relevance
- If too few results, you may need a more general search than narrow your search again.

## Build on Good Sources:

- Check the Author
- Check the Subject headings for related headings and articles

