

Library Orientation Session: EL 500, Intro to Educational Leadership

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Online Resources through library.oakland.edu:

- **Library OneSearch** looks across many of OU Libraries' resources, including databases and the library catalog, and brings back full-text results
- **Ask a Librarian** offers research help via phone, email, and chat (almost) 24 hours a day
- **Find Books** links to the OU Libraries' catalog – including a large collection of eBooks
- **Find Articles** provides links to every OU Libraries database by title and by subject area
- **EL 500 course page** contains links to relevant **databases, encyclopedias, and websites**
 - **Most useful databases:** ERIC, PsycINFO, and JSTOR
 - **Encyclopedias** are useful for finding factual information about a topic or idea
 - **Ulrich's Periodicals Directory** verifies if an article comes from a scholarly source
 - **Web of Science cited author searching** (and **Google Scholar!**) can tell you what other research cites an article
- Get full-text versions of OU Libraries' content by clicking the **→ Get It! →** link:
 - **Electronically:** OU has electronic access (gold **Article** button / **Journal** link)
 - **In print:** use the article listing in the library catalog to find a print copy
 - **From another library:** use **ILLiad** to request a copy of the article

Other Helpful Tools

- **Interlibrary Loan:** Need an item OU doesn't have? We can get it for you!
 - **For articles:** Use **ILLiad** to have a PDF copy emailed to you from another library
 - **For books:** Use **MeLCat** to have the book sent to the Kresge Library
- **RefWorks: Sign up for this!** Save, organize, and access your research in one spot
 - Look for **Export** or **Save to RefWorks** to save what you find
 - Generate the skeleton of an APA Reference List with RefWorks

Searching Strategies & Suggestions

- Start with a topical phrase or question and identify the most important words
- Identify the **most important words** to your topic or question to focus your search
- Use “ ” to keep phrases together – i.e., “secondary school administration” (but not “administration”!)
- Think of synonyms and ways you might broaden/ narrow your search and write these ideas down – you'll thank yourself later...
- Explore an article's references to find related research on a topic or idea
- Go even deeper by using **Web of Science cited author searching** to see what research *cites* a particular article

Accessing Resources through the Library Website: A Visual Reminder

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Express Links

- My Library Account
- Library Catalog
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- RefWorks
- Interlibrary Loan
- Giving to OU Libraries
- Comments

Is Your Question Tough Enough to Stump the Librarian?

We welcome the bizarre, the impossible, and the questions that come to mind only after three days of no sleep and constant schoolwork! Submit your toughest questions anonymously online: <http://tinyurl.com/stumpOU> or by email: StumpOULibrarian@gmail.com. Responses will be published, weekly, in the Oakland Post (online and in print)! [more »](#)

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- Click here to access the OU and MeL library catalogs (points to 'Find')
- Enter information here to search across library resources (points to 'Search' button)
- Click on these buttons to contact a librarian via IM, email, phone, or to book a consultation (points to 'Ask a Librarian' icons)
- Click here to look for articles and journals by title (points to 'Articles')
- Click here to access librarian-built, course-specific resources (i.e., EL 500) (points to 'Course & Subject Guides')
- Request a book or an article from another library here (points to 'Interlibrary Loan')
- Click here to access, or create, a RefWorks account to store and organize your research (points to 'RefWorks')