

# Library Resource Guide

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## PSYCHOLOGY

### Library Catalogs

Bowling Green Technical College Library: <http://opac.kctcs.edu> (Limit search to **Bowling Green TC**)

Bowling Green Public Library: <http://catalog.bgpl.org/>

Western Kentucky University Libraries TOPCAT: <http://topcat2000.wku.edu/>

**Materials can be borrowed from WKU Libraries and delivered to the BGTC Library.**

**Submit the [BGTC/WKU Library Book Service Form](#) on the library's website to staff at the Help Desk.**

### Library of Congress (LC) Call Numbers

Psychology books are shelved under call numbers beginning with **BF**.

Some books on topics related to psychology may be shelved under social sciences (**H**) medicine (**R**).

Library of Congress Classification System is available at: <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsol/lcco/>

### Subject Headings

Search library catalogs under the following subject headings for information on various topics in psychology:

- Child psychology
- Clinical psychology
- Cross-cultural psychology
- Depression
- Developmental psychology
- Drug, alcohol and substance abuse
- Educational Psychology
- Mental health
- Personality
- Social psychology

### Reference Resources

It is important to get an overview of a topic so you have a general understanding of the issue. Background information may include: the history of a subject, facts, statistics, key terms, and the names of significant people in the field. Sources for background information include: encyclopedias, dictionaries, almanacs and other materials shelved in the Reference Collection or available online.

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| • APA Dictionary of Psychology   | BF 31 A65 2007      |
| • Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders 4 <sup>th</sup> ed | RC 455.2.C4 D536    |
| • The Dictionary of Psychology 2 <sup>nd</sup> ed., Colman                 | BF 31 C65 2006      |
| • Encyclopedia of Aging (4 vols.)  | HQ 1061 .E534 2002  |
| • The Encyclopedia of Autism Spectrum Disorders                            | RC 553 A88 T87 2007 |
| • The Encyclopedia of Child Abuse  | HV 6626.5 C57 2007  |
| • The Encyclopedia of Schizophrenia & Other Psychotic Disorders            | RC 514 N63 2007     |
| • Encyclopedia of Psychology   | BF 31 E52 2000      |
| • Facts on File Library of Health and Living series                        | RC 514 N63 2007     |
| • Mental Disorders of the New Millennium (3 vols.)                         | RC 454 M462 2006    |
| • The New Encyclopaedia Britannica   | AE 5 E363 2007      |
| • The Praeger Handbook on Stress and Coping (2 vols.)                      | BF 575 S75 P73 2007 |
| • Writing Papers in Psychology   | BF 76.7 R67 2003    |
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### Periodicals

- American Family Physician\*
- American Journal of Psychology\*
- Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)\*  
Available online: <http://jama.ama-assn.org>
- Psychology Today
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\* Peer reviewed journals

## Multimedia (DVD)

- Addiction RC 564 A33 2007
- Battling Eating Disorders RC 552 E18 B388 2006
- A Beautiful Mind PN 1997 B438 2002
- Bipolar Disorder: Shifting Mood Swings RC 516 B56 2001
- The Brain-Body Connection QP 376 E973 2000
- Children In Crisis HV 888 C45 2004
- Conformity: In The Real-Life Lab HM 1246 C664 2006
- Drinking Apart: Families Under the Influence HV 5132 D75 2003
- Girl, Interrupted PN 1997 G575 2000
- Kay Redfield Jamison: Surviving Bipolar Disorder RC 516 J35 K37 2004
- Meth Epidemic HV 5822 M47 2006
- Mothers Addicted to Meth HV 5822 A5 M68 2006
- On Our Own Terms: Moyer's on Dying (4 vols.):
  - A Death of One's Own R 726.8 M68 D42 2000
  - A Different Kind of Care R 726.8 D52 2000
  - Living with Dying R 726.8 L58 2000
  - Time to Change R 726.8 T55 2000
- Rage: A Social Analysis BF 575 A5 R34 2006
- Thin RC 552 E18 T456 2006
- Thirteen PN 1997.2 T4470 2003
- Women and Alcohol HV 5137 W66 2006

Check the library catalog for additional multimedia materials on psychology.

## Databases (use these to find indexed, full-text journals and magazine articles)

### CREDO reference

<http://www.credoreference.com> (Available Off-Campus)

Features content from hundreds of popular reference books on a broad range of subjects: Art, Biography, Business, Dictionaries, Food & Drink, Geography, History, Languages, Law, Literature, Medicine, Music, Philosophy & Psychology, Religion, Science, Social Sciences and Technology. Provides citation information in **APA** and **MLA** styles.

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### Ebscohost (Kentucky Virtual Library, KYVL)

<http://www.kyvl.org> (Available Off-Campus—Contact library for current Username & Password)

Additional databases & resources: **Grolier Encyclopedias** (Encyclopedia Americana), **Literary Reference Center**, **Kentuckiana Digital Library**, **Kentucky Statistics**, **ProQuest**.

Click on the link, [Find Books, Articles, and More](#), to connect directly to a database. The following databases may be of interest to psychology students and are available through EBSCOhost: **Academic Search Premier**, **Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection** and **PsychINFO**.

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### Gale

<http://find.galegroup.com/menu/commonmenu.do?userGroupName=kctcsbgtc>  
(Off Campus use <https://216.69.39.58/login> )

Databases: **Academic OneFile**, **Health Reference Center Academic**, **Expanded Academic ASAP**, **Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center**, **Health & Wellness Resource Center**

Provides extensive coverage of peer-reviewed, full-text articles from journals, magazines, newspapers, reference materials and multimedia sources. Provides citation information in **APA** style.

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### Net Library (Electronic Books)

<http://www.netlibrary.com> (Available Off-Campus—Must create a fee account on a campus computer first.

Provides full-text access to thousands of fiction and nonfiction books. Ebooks are designated in the **BGTC Library Catalog** by **[Electronic Resource]** following the book's title in the catalog listing.

### Evaluation & Citation

The Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL) has tutorials on how to do research at

<http://www.kyvl.org/html/tutorial/research/>.

Provides assistance with *Evaluating Information*, *Searching the Web* and *Citing Sources*.

#### Evaluation:

Evaluate all information carefully particularly from web sites. Use the evaluation criteria listed below to determine the quality of information sources:

- **Authority:** Who is the author or producer (web sites) and what are their credentials? Is the author or producer credible, reputable or trustworthy?
- **Accuracy:** Is the information comprehensive, accurate and reliable? Does the author cite the sources used for factual and statistical information?
- **Currency:** Is the information up-to-date if currency is important to your research? Is a date of publication clearly indicated?
- **Objectivity:** Is there a bias or only one point of view expressed in the content? Is there a statement about the purpose and coverage of the information?

#### Citation:

Plagiarism is using work created by someone else and passing it off as one's own. The best way to avoid plagiarism is to cite sources any time another person's work is used as a source of ideas presented in your research paper. Sources must be cited when you quote, paraphrase or summarize work created by another writer. Check with your instructor to find out which citation style format must be used in the course. The library has books and resources on **APA**, **Chicago**, **CSE** and **MLA** styles. Library staff can assist you with additional information.

This resource guide represents only a small amount of the information available to students.

Please visit the library or the library's web site for assistance with your research.

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