Using the Library

Effective computerized searching
Students & Research

Information Seeking Behavior

Due Friday

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What’s so special about a library?

Why can’t we use Google?

GOING ONE STEP BEYOND!

For higher education, the expectation is that you go beyond Wikipedia and Google, and learn to use academic sources that are guaranteed to be

reliable, relevant, accurate, and authoritative.
Now is a good time to ask...

What are you looking for?
What is your assignment?
Make a plan; include serendipity.
Be an ethical researcher.
Databases for Education Studies

ERIC
Teacher Reference Center
Professional Development Collection

Primary Search (children’s magazines)

PSYCinfo
Psychological and Behavioral Science Collection
Library Resources for Research
APA Citation Style

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Look on the title page or in the search result record. These are search fields in catalogs and database indexes.

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Quick help for the Praxis test:

Test website: www.ets.org/praxis

Louisiana state website for teaching preparation: www.teachlouisiana.net

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LeDoux Library: Learning Express database; books at call number LB 1762

More info on the handout “Praxis Tests: Information and Study Help.”