Finding Useful Resources for Your Literature Review

Getting Started

*Step 1: Identify the intended outcome of your capstone.*

What is the purpose of your capstone? What does your organization want you to do?

*Step 2: Generate keywords related to your capstone’s purpose.* (Remember to think of synonyms or specific examples of your keywords).

Where to Search Check List

For your capstone, I recommend you searching in at least 3 search tools.

- OneSearch (on the library homepage as Articles+Books)
- Social Sciences Citation Index (database found under the database tab on the library homepage)
- At least one more specialized database of your choice (use database tab on the library homepage)

   Search tool name: _______________________________________________________________

**If you are unsure what other specialized databases you should search, contact your friendly librarian Tabby Farney at tfarney@uccs.edu!**

Evaluating and Expanding

Once you find a resource you think is useful for your literature review always ask yourself these questions:

1. Who is the author(s) of the piece and why should you trust them?

2. What type of resource did you find (think journal article, book, website, government information, etc) and who published it?

3. What additional resources does that resource cite in its works cited/bibliography?

4. Who has cited this resource since it was published? (If you don’t see this information on the resource, take the title of the resource and search it in Google Scholar [scholar.google.com].)