

## NEWSPAPER ARTICLES - LIBRARY EXERCISE

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1. Choose a research question related to a social policy of interest to you. Express it in a complete sentence.<sup>1</sup>
2. What is the nature of the information found in newspapers? Name at least two characteristics.
3. Where can you find newspaper articles? Name at least three places.
4. What is the “Search Everything” feature on Centennial Libraries homepage?
5. What are “E-Resources” at Centennial Libraries?
6. Where would you start to find newspaper articles on your research question defined above? Why?
7. Where on Centennial Libraries’ website can you find help (search strategy help, how to search databases, help with on APA style, documents relating to this library class? Name at least three places.



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<sup>1</sup> Examples of research questions: Compare the prevalence of poverty in Canada and the United States (description, causes and programs & policies to reduce). (b) Does the day care system in Ontario meet existing needs of children with disabilities?

**Describe your topic clearly (in one complete sentence ideally):***Example: Describe government policies to reduce child poverty in Canada.***Identify main concepts:**

	CONCEPT #1	child
AND	CONCEPT #2	poverty
AND	CONCEPT #3	Canada
AND	CONCEPT #4	policies

**Think of synonyms & related words to use in your searches  
– should you need them**

Use “truncation” (also called wild cards) to make your searching faster – For example: use the \* when searching databases and \$ when searching library catalogues. E.g. Canad\* in a database will produce all records that start with those 5 letters – Canadian, Canada, Canadians, etc.

KEYWORD STRING Concept #1	child OR children OR infants (etc.)
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**AND**

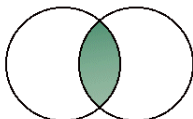
KEYWORD STRING Concept #2	Poverty OR poor OR welfare (etc.)
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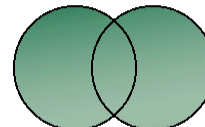
KEYWORD STRING Concept #3	Canad* OR Ontario OR Toronto (etc.)
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**AND**

KEYWORD STRING Concept #4	Policy OR policies OR government OR laws OR legislation OR issues (etc.)
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**AND** is an operator that **COMBINES** words & phrases. (Shaded area is what you get.)



**OR** is an operator that **COLLECTS** them. (Shaded area is what you get.)