SEARCH STRATEGY: “Following the Citation Trail”

I found one great article on the topic that I want to research!

The Influence of Bilingualism on Cognitive Strategy and Cognitive Development
Sandra Ben-Zeev
Child Development, Vol. 48, No. 3 (Sep., 1977), pp. 1009-1018

Here’s how I can use it to uncover more research that is similar:

1. Citation chasing is a way to retrace the steps of the author of the resource you have in hand—by using the bibliography at the end of the article (backward trail).
2. Cited reference searching is a way to explore the impact your resource has had on the research conversation after its publishing (forward trail)...Google Scholar is a great tool for doing this!
   2.1. Access Google Scholar through the library website (subject databases) so that it will link with the GW Library’s journal subscriptions (so you can get the full-text of articles in your search results list).
   2.2. Use the Google Scholar Advanced search box to search for your article in hand (fill in as many of the specifics that you can—e.g. author, title, date)

2.3. The search results screen shows me that since this article was published in 1977, over 400 authors have cited it! Now, that’s a conversation worth following!