Library Basics:
Library Homepage: library.gwu.edu

Getting Research Help:
- Ask Us: library.gwu.edu/help/reference/ask-us
- Research Consultations: library.gwu.edu/reference/research-consultations
- How Do I?: library.gwu.edu/howdoi

Subject Databases:
Subject Databases icon takes you to our databases. Once in a database, you can search for articles, chapters of books, and dissertations on a topic. From off campus login with your netid and password.

Journals:
We subscribe to many online journals. Use the drop-down menu to select “Browse Journals” for access. Keep in mind, this is only a list, it is not searchable by topic.

Books:
Use the drop-down menu to select “Books & More” to search for books. Eight other area university libraries are included. Materials requested from those libraries will be delivered to Gelman in 2-4 days.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL):
You may request books and articles that aren’t available in the Consortium. Articles often arrive within 24 hours to your My Account. Books may take 4-10 business days to arrive. library.gwu.edu/services/interlibrary-loan

Finding Articles on a Topic:
Subject Databases:
- Eric (EBSCO)
- PsycInfo
- Sociological Abstracts
- Education Source
- Dissertations and These Online
- Policy File Index
- ABI/Inform Complete

Searching Tips:
Using Descriptors:
Descriptors (sometimes called Subject Headings) are terms that are used to tag articles within a database. They provide a consistent way to find articles on the same topic.

Don’t Limit to Full-Text:
The FindIt button may connect you to the Full-Text in another database. And failing that, will connect you to ILL

Explore Other Perspectives:
Other disciplines and perspectives do care what’s happening in Education. Try thinking outside the box and asking yourself, “Who else cares about my topic?”

Don’t Spend Hours Being Frustrated While Researching:
Contact a librarian, via chat, email, or an appointment. We’re here to help you. So get in touch!

Citation Chasing, Searching, and Storing:
Citation Chasing: Using the bibliography of an article to see what the author cited in their article. Think of this as going back in time.
- To see if we have the journal, use the drop-down menu to select “Browse Journals” (from library.gwu.edu)
- Search the name of the journal
- If we list the year you need, click through to the journal to find your article
- If we do not own it electronically, request the article via Interlibrary Loan

Cited Reference Searching: See who cited a key article in their bibliography. This is more effective with older articles. Think of this as going forward in time.

Google Scholar:
- Use Advanced Search
- Put the title of the article in the “Exact Phrase” box
- Put the author’s last name in the “Author” box
- If your article is in the results, click on “Cited By” link

Web of Science:
- Click on the “Cited Reference Search” tab
- Fill in your citation as modeled

Organizing, Sharing, and Storing your Citations: Ever lost a citation? Can’t remember what year it was from? Try using one of these products to keep track of everything.

Refworks:
- Brought to you by Gelman, but you can use it after you graduate!
- http://libguides.gwu.edu/citing

Zotero:
- Free for anyone to use
- https://www.zotero.org/

Mendeley:
- It’s like Social Networking for your articles
- http://www.mendeley.com/