Library Q&A Challenge

Instructions: Students in Library classroom will be split up into teams based upon row in which they are sitting. After each section of the LIS, students will be asked questions about the material presented. They will use buzzers (or a raised hand) to be the first person to answer each question and earn a point for their team. At the end of the LIS, the team with the most points will be allowed to choose from our wide variety of bookmarks.

LIBRARY BASICS (Part 1) (after showing video)

What is the name of the place in the Library where you go to get help from a Librarian?

Answer: The Reference Desk

*Bonus Question: Name 3 ways to contact a Librarian to ask questions and get help

Answer: Chat, Phone, Email

What is the name of the type of Library materials that instructors leave for you to use in the Library for 2 hours?

Answer: Reserve Materials

What is the name of the Library service where students can get individual help from a Librarian?

Answer: Book a Librarian

CATALOG (Part 2) (after completing catalog activity)

What is the name of the new service that allows you to search all Library materials at the same time?

Answer: One Search

What materials should you use when you are just getting started on researching a topic and you want to get a broad understanding?

Answer: Reference Materials

SEARCH STRATEGY (Part 3) (after completing keyword activity)

Terms such as “AND” or “OR” that help a researcher construct a more precise and focused search

Answer: Boolean terms

After defining a broader research topic, it is a good idea to come up with groups of these before searching databases

Answer: Keywords and phrases

DATABASES (Part 4) (after database presentation)

If you’re getting too many hits when searching a library database, this is typically the first limiter you would use to narrow your results.

Answer: Date range

*Bonus Question: How do you know how far back you’re allowed to search?

Answer: You will have to consult with your instructor.

Using these types of terms when searching a database can help you narrow down your search

Answer: Subject Terms

A popular database for searching different perspectives on current or controversial topics

Answer: Opposing Viewpoints or CQ Researcher

A term used a lot when searching for academic journal articles. It describes the process by which the information contained in academic journal articles is verified for accuracy.

Answer: Peer-reviewed

A technique commonly used to search for variations in words by using the “*” character.

Answer: Truncation

OTHER STUFF

Lists of these are provided to college instructors as a way to track and evaluate a student’s research process on a paper or assignment

Answer: Citations

*Bonus Question: What are the two most common citation styles used as the college level?

Answer: APA and MLA

An academic library close to Fullerton College that allows students to check out materials so long as they fill out the necessary form from the circulation desk

Answer: Cal State Fullerton Pollak Library

A free library system that can provide resources to students such as best-sellers, local history collections and other helpful materials

Answer: Orange County Public Library

*Bonus Question: What is the url for the Orange County Public Library System

Answer: www.ocpl.org

A service provided by Google that allows you to search the world's academic information

Answer: Google Scholar