# Library Resources for Communication 100



## Key Websites

Library website and *OneSearch* tool

**https://library.fullcoll.edu**

Complete List of Library Databases

**https://fullcoll.libguides.com/az.php**



## Current Events/Controversial Issues

The Library has access to databases devoted to providing up-to-date information and perspectives on current political and social issues. These databases can be a great place to start your research and gather background information.

- ***"Hot Topics" section on the 1st Floor***
- ***CQ Researcher***
- ***Gale's Opposing Viewpoints in Context***



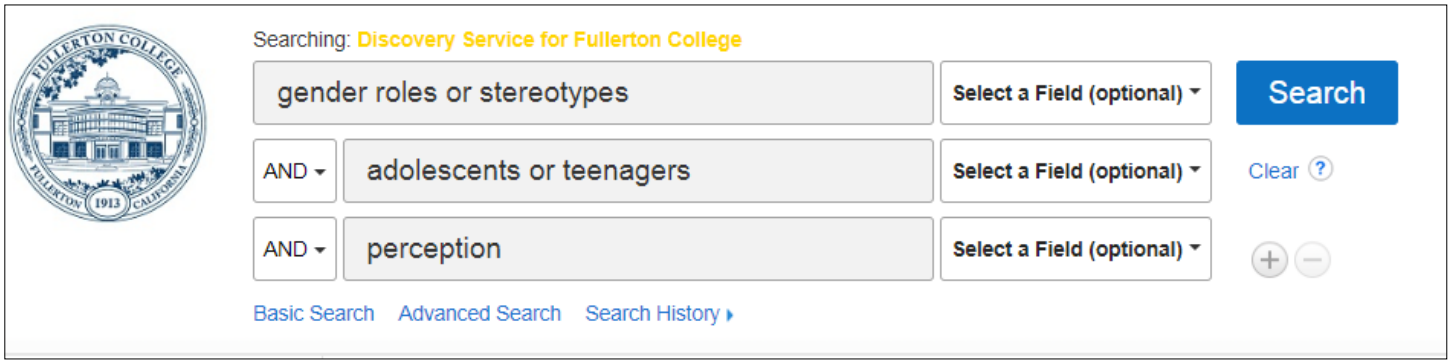
## Finding Background Information

Before researching a complex topic, it is a good idea to first gather some background knowledge. Below are some of the more commonly used FC Library resources for finding this type of information.

- ***Reference books located on the 1st Floor (ask a Librarian for help)***
- ***Gale Virtual Reference Library***
- ***Research Starters through OneSearch***

# Advanced Searching using *OneSearch*

- The terms **AND** and **OR** are used in databases to link keywords and concepts together to form more logical, accurate searches. These terms are helpful when we are getting either *too many* or *too few* results from a database search. See the example and table below for a visual guide to using these terms in your searches




| Term | Effect | Terms included | Use | Example |
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| **OR** | *Broadens* your search | Finds records with *any* of the words | Use *OR* to combine synonyms | gender roles **OR** stereotypes<br>adolescents **OR** teenagers |
| **AND** | *Narrows* your search | Finds only records that include *all* terms | Use *AND* to combine key concepts | Gender roles **AND** adolescents<br>Adolescents **AND** perception |

Use **search limiters** to help narrow the number of results from your searches. Some commonly used search limiters from OneSearch are listed below:

- **Peer Reviewed**—Use this to search library databases for only materials that have gone through the academic peer review process
- **Publication Date**—Based upon feedback from your instructor, limit your search to a particular date range
- **Source Type**—Limit your search to a particular type of library materials such as: newspapers, magazines, academic journals, etc.
- **Subject—**Limit your search to a specific subject. This limiter is helpful when many of your results seem unrelated to search terms.