

WELCOME TO THE

The Reference Point

THE LIBRARY'S MONTHLY FACULTY NEWSLETTER

Stats snapshot

January 2026 stats:

2753 People through the doors

312 Questions answered

2358 Searches conducted

38 Consultations conducted

258 Course Guide views

WHAT'S NEW:

Introducing APA Psych Info

The Library now subscribes to APA PsychInfo! This database from the American Psychological Association is the premier index of resources on behavioural and social sciences, containing over 5,000,000 peer-reviewed records. Subject coverage is broad, covering:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Business
- Education
- Law
- Linguistics
- Medicine
- Neuroscience
- And more

Find out more about the database from the [APA](#), or access it for yourself from our [A-Z Database List](#) and get started searching.

FEATURED:

Research support for faculty

Did you know that Research and Instruction Services (RIS) offers one-on-one research support for faculty? These sessions provide space for exploring advanced search strategies to stay current in your field, identifying specialized or interdisciplinary sources, managing references and research workflows with tools like Zotero, and more. See the [RIS website](#) for more information and to connect with a librarian to schedule a discussion about your research!

OPEN ACCESS CORNER:

Open access vs. free access

While conducting research or selecting readings for use in your courses, you may have encountered resources described as open access and free access. Both appear to be free to read – so what's the difference?

Free access resources have been made available by the publisher on a temporary basis. This means that access can be withdrawn unexpectedly. Additionally, copyright limitations still apply to distributing the content. Free access might be provided as part of a promotion or preview.

Conversely, *open access* resources are always free to read. Depending on the license type, some restrictions may apply to the distribution of the resource – always carefully read any licensing information provided by the publisher. Licensing information may appear on the resource itself, or elsewhere on the host website such as a journal homepage.

TIP:

Watch for the open padlock symbol to help determine if a resource is open access



Get more information on using open access resources with our [Copyright Guide](#), and find open access collections with our [OER Guide](#).

References:

- Cordova, J. (n.d.). [What's the difference between "Open Access" and "Free to Read" content?](#) Research Solutions.
- [Frequently Asked Questions: Open Access](#). (n.d.). Taylor and Francis.

IMPORTANT LINKS

- [Faculty Resources](#)
- [A-Z Database List](#)
- [Search the Library](#)
- [OER Guide](#)

IMPORTANT FORMS

- [Request a Research Skills Session](#)
- [Request a Research Consultation](#)
- [Request a Writing Skills Session](#)
- [Request a Purchase](#)