

LIBRARY INSTRUCTION SESSION

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Library Catalog

- Reserve books in the catalog and have them sent to **any** Brookdale location!!

What is a Database?

- Any organized body of information that can be searched.
- The library's subscription databases contain journal, magazine, and newspaper articles, multimedia, primary sources, and more.

Accessing the Library's Databases

- Visit the Bankier Library Website at: www.brookdalecc.edu/library. Click on "Databases/Articles By Topic" for a list of databases.

TIP: These databases can be accessed from any computer. If you are off-campus, you will be prompted to enter your Brookdale ID card number to access the databases.

- Databases to Use:
 - Academic Search Premier or Academic ASAP
 - Lexis-Nexis Academic: New York Times
 - Points of View Reference Center

Search Tips

- ✓ Have a **clear idea** of what you are searching for before you begin. Sometimes, writing a search statement may help you.
- ✓ Make a **list of keywords** and their synonyms to use in your search. As you are searching, you find new terms to use. You can revise your search to include these terms.
- ✓ Use **Boolean Operators** to narrow or broaden your searches:
 - Use **AND** between keywords to narrow your search
 - Use **OR** between keywords to broaden your search

	Magazines	Peer Reviewed / Refereed Journals
Authors	Often 1 author; staff-written or guest authors.	Frequently multiple co-authors; scholars and researchers in the field.
Audience	Educated but non-expert readers; uses simple language.	Scholars and researchers; language contains terminology of the discipline.
Abstracts	No abstracts at the beginning of the article.	Usually begin with an abstract that summarizes the findings in the article.
References	Sources are not cited; no bibliography at end.	References, footnotes, bibliographies for each article.