DC Library = Your Library
- Library Hours: 8am-midnight
- Librarian: Rebecca r3hutchi@uwaterloo.ca
- Services
  - Silent, quiet or group study spaces
  - Research help
- Also in the Library
  - Computers
  - Scanners
  - Printers

Your Watcard
- Watcard = Library Card
- Access our online resources from home or off campus

Use Journal Articles for course work
- Published in journals
- Written by expert researchers
- Written for scholars
- **Peer reviewed** – articles are submitted for publication and then examined and critiqued by specialists in the field
- Contain
  - Abstract, methods, results, bibliography/references
- Journal articles and books in the Library provide scholarly information (you should use scholarly information in University courses)

Use Research Databases to find Journal Articles
- Choose a database that relates to your topic or search a multidisciplinary database
- Start with the ENGL 119 guide [subjectguides.uwaterloo.ca/ENGLMATH](http://subjectguides.uwaterloo.ca/ENGLMATH)

Searching Research Databases
- Do not search like Google
  - You will only find useful articles if you create a good search strategy
- Isolate major concepts
  - Usually nouns
- Think of synonyms

**How can we teach financial literacy to university students?**
- Teach, learn, educate
- Concepts
- Synonyms

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Creating a Search Strategy
- **AND** to combine concepts include all of the words
- **OR** to combine synonyms, include any of the words
- Use * to search for different endings of one word
- Use “” to search for a phrase, all words in order

For some topics, it may be appropriate to use Google to find popular (not scholarly) information
- Written to inform the general public and entertain
- Found in newspapers, magazines, Google
- May have advertisements
- Not peer-reviewed

Use the CRAAP test to determine if the popular information is high quality
- Currency
  - How recent is the information? How recently has the website been updated?
  - Is it current enough for your topic?
- Relevance
  - Is the information important?
  - Who is the intended audience?
- Authority
  - Who is the creator or author? What are their credentials?
  - Who is the publisher or sponsor? Are they well known and trusted?
- Accuracy
  - Does the creator provide references or sources for data or quotations?
- Purpose/Point of View
  - Is it biased? Is it opinion?
  - Is the creator/author trying to sell you something?

Common Citation Mistakes
- Incorporating someone else’s ideas into your work and not citing it
- Not providing enough citation information
- Making up your own citation style
- Not using a style consistently

Remember to use the Guide!!

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