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# Psychology

## Library Subject Guide

<http://library.nlc.bc.ca>

*Information literacy is a set of abilities requiring individuals to "recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information."*

Association of College and Research Libraries

Psychology is the science of the nature, functioning, and development of the human mind and behaviour, including the faculties of reason, emotion, perception, communication, etc. Northern Light College offers courses in the field of psychology including: Introduction to Psychology I & II, Research Methods in Psychology, Personality Theory, Developmental Psychology, Abnormal Behavior, Child Development, Adolescence Development, Interpersonal Communications, Social Psychology, Human Sexuality, Psychology of Personal Adjustment and Organizational Behavior.

**Ask a Librarian** for assistance in finding relevant books, journal articles and videos, and/or if you need help researching a course related topic. The librarian will also provide assistance in using the Library's website, online catalogue, article databases, and the Internet. Contact the librarian directly or use the "Ask a librarian" section on the Library web pages.

### Dawson Creek Library

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## REFERENCE

Consulting dictionaries, encyclopedias and handbooks can be a useful starting point for learning. Many of these sources provide basic information, overviews of topics, as well as introduce specialized terminology and detailed information. Major reference works are held mainly at the DC and FSJ libraries. Reference librarians on those campuses will research these materials for faculty and students. Simply fill out the "Ask the Librarian" form on the library webpage or contact the library directly. Some titles of interest located in the reference section are:

### Dawson Creek Reference Collection

BF 31 V36 2006	APA dictionary of psychology	BF31 .E52 2000 V.1	Encyclopedia of psychology
BF 109 A1 B56 1997	Biographical dictionary of psychology	BF 31 G35 1996	Gale encyclopedia of psychology
QP 84 C36 1998	Cambridge encyclopedia of human growth & development	QP 360 H33 2000	Handbook of psychophysiology
R 726.5 C354 1997	Cambridge handbook of psychology, health, and medicine	BF 76.7 G45 M377 2002	Mastering APA style: student's workbook & training guide
HQ 772 C43 2002	Child development	Q 121 M3 1997 V. 1	McGraw-Hill encyclopedia of science & technology
BF 31 C676 1994 V. 1	Companion encyclopedia of psychology	BF 76.7 P83 2001	Publication manual of the American Psychological Assn
BF 31 E553 1996	Concise encyclopedia of psychology	BF 32 T54 1997	Thesaurus of psychological index terms
QP 360 D53 2001	Dictionary of biological psychology	BF 80.3 V53 2000	Videos in psychology: a resource directory
BF 31 C33 1999	Dictionary of psychology	BF 76.8 S98 2002	Writing with style: APA style made easy
BF 31 E5 V. 1	Encyclopedia of human behavior		

### Fort St. John Reference Collection

BF 31 E52 2004	Concise Corsini encyclopedia of psychology & behavioral	BF 31 O94	Oxford companion to the mind
BF 76.7 C66 2005	Concise rules of APA style	BF 31 R43 1995	Penguin dictionary of psychology
QP 360 K332 1995	Dictionary of biological psychology	BF 76.7 P83 2001	Publication manual of the American Psychological Assn
BF31 C68 1999	Dictionary of psychology	BF 32 T54 1997	Thesaurus of psychological index terms
BF31 .E52 2000 V.1	Encyclopedia of psychology		

## CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

General materials on psychology are shelved in the BF section. Additional materials are found in various other social and scientific groupings. To assist you in browsing the collection, try the following areas:

BF	Psychology	HM 251-291	Social Psychology
HQ 1-2039	The family, marriage, women	QL 750-795	Animal Behavior & Psychology
QP 351-495	Neurophysiology & Neuropsychology	RC 321-571	Psychiatry (inc. Abnormal Psychology)

## LIBRARY CATALOGUE AND ELECTRONIC DATABASES

To find books, journals, and audiovisual materials on your topic, search the library's online **catalogue**. If you are looking for journal articles, search the library's online **journal article indexes & electronic databases**. Use **keywords** to search the online catalogue and/or electronic databases. A keyword is a word or term that best describes the information you are looking for. You can search the library catalogue or an electronic database for either a single keyword or a combination of keywords in order to find articles in an electronic database or books in the online catalogue containing the keyword(s).

### Examples of keywords:

abuse	child psychology	genetic psychology	self-actualization
addicts	child abuse	identity disorders	sex (psychology)
adolescent psychology	depression	mental health	stress
anxiety	eating disorders	mood disorders	substance abuse
behavior modification	family violence	psychotherapy	

## PERIODICALS & NEWSPAPERS

The library currently subscribes to several periodicals and newspapers of particular interest to psychology students: To check for campus and holdings, search the title in WebCat.

### Periodical Title.....Library Holdings.....Campus Library

Canadian Journal of Counseling	1995 - current	FSJ
Canadian Psychology (Electronic Journal)	1950 - current	DC/FSJ
Psychology Today	Current + 3 yrs	DC
Psychotherapy Networker	2001- current	DC/FSJ

## DATABASES & INDEXES

<http://nlc.bc.ca/library/articleindexes.php>

**Academic Search Premier:** Provides coverage for social sciences, humanities, education, computer sciences, arts and literature, medical sciences, and ethnic studies. Citations and full text available. 1984-present. Updated monthly.

**CBCA Fulltext Reference:** Canadian Business and Current Affairs is a major index for Canadian newspapers, popular & business scholarly journal and popular magazines. 1982- present.

**ERIC:** Provides coverage to education, educational psychology, physical and special education. 1966-current. Updated quarterly

**First Nations Periodicals Index:** Contains journals of mainly Canadian Native content. This index is a tool providing access to information about First Nations.

**Health Source Nursing Academic Edition:** nearly 540 scholarly full text journals focusing on many medical disciplines. Also featured are abstracts and indexing for over 570 journals.

**PsychArticles:** Psychology fulltext articles from 49-peer-reviewed journals published by the American Psychological Association. 1988-current.

**PsychINFO:** Psychology and related behavioral and social sciences. 1887-current. Updated monthly

**Social Science Index:** Provides coverage in literature, sociology, anthropology, geography, etc. 1983- present. Updated monthly.

## WEBSITES

### Associations

Association for Psychological Science: <http://www.psychologicalscience.org/>

American Psychology Association: <http://www.apa.org/>

British Columbia Psychological Association: <http://www.psychologists.bc.ca/index.html>

Canadian Psychological Association: <http://www.cpa.ca/>

- Psychology in the Provinces and Territories:

<http://www.cpa.ca/psychologyincanada/psychologyintheprovincesandterritories/provincialandterritorialassociations/>

National Institute for Mental Health: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/>

### Blogs

Mind Hacks: <http://www.mindhacks.com/>

Psych Central: <http://www.psychcentral.com/blog>

### General

Alley Dog: Psychology on the Web: <http://www.alleydog.com/>

Amoebaweb: Psychology on the Web: <http://www.vanguard.edu/faculty/ddegelman/amoebaweb/>

Athabasca University Psychology Resources: <http://psych.athabascau.ca/html/aupr/psycres.shtml>

BUBL Psychology Links: <http://bubl.ac.uk/link/p/psychologylinks.htm>

Classics in the History of Psychology: <http://psychclassics.yorku.ca/index.htm>  
Intute: <http://www.intute.ac.uk/>  
▪ Health and Life Sciences: <http://www.intute.ac.uk/healthandlifesciences/medicine/>  
▪ Social Sciences: <http://www.sosig.ac.uk/psychology/>  
PscySite: <http://kenstange.com/psycsite/linkspscysiteexternal.html>  
PsychCrawler: <http://www.psychcrawler.com/>  
PsychScholar: <http://psych.hanover.edu/Krantz/>  
PsychWeb Resources: <http://www.psywww.com/>  
Psychological Research on the Net – Hanover College: <http://psych.hanover.edu/research/exponnet.html>  
Psychology WWW Virtual Library: <http://www.dialogical.net/psychology/index.html>  
School Psychology Resources Online: <http://www.schoolpsychology.net/>  
Scout Report Archives: <http://scout.wisc.edu/Archives/SPT--BrowseResources.php?ParentId=671>  
Social Psychology Network: <http://www.socialpsychology.org/>

### Journals and Articles Available Online:

APA - American Psychological Association: <http://www.apa.org>  
• APA Help Centre – brochures, tips and articles: <http://helping.apa.org/>  
• Monitor on Psychology: <http://www.apa.org/monitor/>  
• Psychology – full text journal: <http://psycprints.ecs.soton.ac.uk/>  
Cogprints – free full text: <http://cogprints.org/>  
Current Research in Social Psychology: <http://www.uiowa.edu/%7Egrpproc/crisp/crisp.html>  
DOAJ – Directory of Open Access Journals – free full text: <http://www.doaj.org/>  
FreeBooks4Doctors – free full text medical books: <http://www.freebooks4doctors.com/>  
Free Medical Journals: <http://www.freemedicaljournals.com/>  
Highwire Press – free full text: <http://highwire.stanford.edu/lists/freeart.dtl>  
Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics: <http://www.icmpe.org/test1/journal/journal.htm>  
PsyArt - focused on psychological studies of the arts: literature, film, visual arts, or music:  
<http://www.clas.ufl.edu/psa/journal/index.shtml>  
Psyche – journal of research of consciousness: <http://psyche.cs.monash.edu.au/>  
PsychLine: Psychology free tables of content and abstracts: <http://www.psychline.org/journals/psychline.html>  
Pubmed – free and fee full text articles: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?DB=pubmed>  
PubMed Central – free full text articles: <http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/>  
White papers and commentary articles - International Society for Mental Health Online (ISMHO):  
<http://www.ismho.org/issues/>

### Reference

APA Style and Writing - Amoebaweb: [http://www.vanguard.edu/faculty/ddegelman/amoebaweb/index.aspx?doc\\_id=2415](http://www.vanguard.edu/faculty/ddegelman/amoebaweb/index.aspx?doc_id=2415)  
Classics in the History of Psychology: <http://psychclassics.yorku.ca/index.htm>  
Citing Sources - Northern Lights College: <http://nlc.bc.ca/library/citations.php>  
Psychology Writing Centre Writing Guides: <http://web.psych.washington.edu/writingcenter/writingguides.html>

### Subject Specific

Jean Piaget Society: <http://www.piaget.org/>  
Internet Mental Health: <http://www.mentalhealth.com/>  
Jung Page, The: <http://www.cqjungpage.org/>  
Mental Help Net: <http://mentalhelp.net/>  
Neuropsychology Central: <http://www.neuropsychologycentral.com/>  
Psychology of Religion: <http://www.psywww.com/psyrelig/index.htm>  
Pale Reflections – eating disorder community: <http://www.pale-reflections.com/>

### Testing and Experiments

AllTheTests – Personality & IQ <http://www.allthetests.com/>  
Implicit Association Tests: <https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/canada/>  
Psych Experiments on the Web: <http://psychexps.olemiss.edu/>  
Research Randomizer - random sampling: <http://www.randomizer.org/>

### Tutorials and Study Resources

Neuroscience Tutorial: <http://thalamus.wustl.edu/course/>  
The Personality Project: <http://personality-project.org/>  
Psychology Tutorials and Demonstrations: <http://psych.hanover.edu/Krantz/tutor.html>  
Resources for Teaching Social Psychology: <http://jonathan.mueller.faculty.noctrl.edu/crow/>  
SparkNotes – free online study guides: <http://www.sparknotes.com/>  
• Psychology: <http://www.sparknotes.com/psychology/>