QUICK TIPS ON RESEARCH STRATEGIES
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No matter what keywords you use or how you combine them, sometimes you will have difficulty finding material you want. The best approach is not to keep on trying the same thing over and over again, but to experiment with different strategies. Below are some suggestions.

Use Subject Searches

If you have a relevant book or article, check its entry in the catalog or database to see if there are relevant “Subject” terms. Click on a “Subject” link and see what material is classified under the same term.

Check Reference Lists and Bibliographies

If you have a relevant book or article, check its bibliography or reference list for other titles. Use the Library’s catalog and databases to retrieve it. Remember that you can find out which database has a digital version of a journal or magazine by using Journal Finder. Check for print versions of journals and magazines in the Library’s catalog. If Hofstra does not have what you want, you can order it through InterLibrary Loan.

Use More Than One Database

Sometimes the database you think will have the material you need proves to be a dud. Do not give up; there is almost always more than one database you can try. If you are not sure which ones might have relevant material, check the Research Databases Subject Listing page on the Library’s Web site.

Ask A Librarian

If you are not sure what to do or simply want to get some suggestions, ask a librarian. You can always find one at the reference desk on the first floor of the Axinn Library. You need not worry about imposing: the librarians at the reference desk are there to help. To save time, be clear about what you have already tried.