

User Guide to the OhioLINK Databases (using OSearch)

Through OhioLINK, Ritter Library offers access to numerous online research databases. A number of OhioLINK-supplied databases use OSearch software, enabling users to search different databases while learning only one search interface. To access, go to the Ritter Library Web Page (<http://www.bw.edu/academics/libraries/ritter/>) and click the **DATABASES** link, and then select OhioLINK databases. The OhioLINK OSearch databases offered through Ritter Library are:

Annual Bibliography of English Language & Lit.
 Art Full Text
 Biological Abstracts
 Compendex (engineering literature)
 Education Full Text
 ERIC

GeoRef
 INSPEC (physics and related literature)
 MEDLINE
 PAIS International
 PsycINFO

Below is a sample of a main search screen:

OSearch

PsycINFO 1967–Present, provided by OhioLINK and the Baldwin-Wallace College Libraries

[Search Form](#) | [Browse ▾](#) | [Stored Records](#) | [Tips, Help, and Chat ▾](#) | [Exit](#)

Search:
 thesaurus | keywords | keywords plus cited references

Search for:
 in [All Fields ▾](#)

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A simple search box appears at the top of the page throughout your OSearch session. Below this search box are three sections that may be expanded or condensed. These sections provide additional search boxes, ways to limit your search, and search history. At the top of OSearch screens are main navigation options that also remain at this location throughout your session. Click Browse to search by author, journal title or subject:

Search Tips

Use a meaningful word or phrase	cryptography
	charter schools
Avoid terms that have little meaning out of context or are too broad to be useful	<i>too broad:</i> development
	<i>better:</i> sustainable development and china

Automatic adjacency (phrase)	photoelectrochemical cells <hr/> freedom of association
AND for both, whether adjacent or not	winter and landscape <hr/> organic farming and ohio
OR for either	hurricanes or typhoons <hr/> (online or internet) and voting
\$ for truncation	greek myth\$
ALL FIELDS = words in title, abstract, author, subject, anywhere	authentic learning in All Fields
SUBJECT = official vocabulary used for concepts in this database	biogeochemical cycles in Subject
Use MORE SEARCH BOXES to combine words or phrases from different regions	skaggs in Author Name And battle of lake erie in Article Title
Use LIMIT OPTIONS to restrict results to a particular year, language, etc.	paleolimnology in Journal Title Year Equals 2005
Use THESAURUS to determine official terminology for a particular topic and find all articles on that topic	Search words in thesaurus: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL
Use BROWSE to view an alphabetic list of authors, journals, or subjects	Browse Author Names starting with: engstrom

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