



Identify Books, Encyclopedias, etc.:

- **SPU Primo:** Keyword, Subject/Topic, Title, Author searches
- **Developmental Psych. Reference Sources:** http://spu.libguides.com/psy_development_ref

Identify Journal Articles:

- **PsycINFO:** indexing to the world's research literature, including over 450 full text titles
- **MEDLINE** via EBSCOhost: indexing the world's medical research literature, including full text articles

Searching these databases can be overwhelming, as there's a lot of research on development at all stages. Don't give up! Both databases have ways to narrow your results quickly so you can find a smaller, relevant set of results. From there, get an overview and then search more on a specific topic as needed, using what you've found in the first articles (e.g. other relevant keywords/subjects, cited references/times cited, etc.).

Limit by...

Age

- childhood (birth-12 yrs) (9,776)
- infancy (2-23 mo) (8,995)
- adulthood (18 yrs & older) (2,278)
- neonatal (birth-1 mo) (1,296)
- preschool age (2-5 yrs) (1,094)
- young adulthood (18-29 yrs) (567)

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Limit by...

Methodology

- empirical study (6,668)
- quantitative study (4,389)
- longitudinal study (1,363)
- literature review (418)
- followup study (351)
- interview (282)

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Locate the full text:

1. **SPU Primo:** search by journal title to see if we have access in print, microfilm, or another database
2. **Google Scholar:** check by article title to see if it might be available online for free
3. **Request that an item be sent to SPU:**
 - o **Summit:** free 3-5 day delivery of BOOKS to Circulation counter for 6 week checkout
 - o **Interlibrary Loan (ILL):** 1-2 week delivery of ARTICLES OR BOOKS (if unavailable through Summit). Usually free, or else up to \$15 per request. Requesting ILL items within PsycINFO and MEDLINE will autofill the request form.
4. **Other Regional Libraries:** check out books in person from all Summit participating libraries in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho with your SPU ID and use journals/databases on-site

APA Reference Guide:

- **SPU Library → Subject Guides → Citations, Style Manuals, and RefWorks**

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Get started on your research paper:

What developmental theory will you use to analyze your interview answers and responses?

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What other terms describe this theory? (synonyms, related terms, theorist's name, etc.)	What subjects/topics do SPU Primo or databases use to describe the theory or related terms? (e.g. PsycINFO <i>Thesaurus</i> , MEDLINE <i>MeSH 2014</i> , etc.)