

# Beyond the Binary: Tips for Finding Queer Resources in the Library

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# Goals of the workshop

By the end of this workshop we hope you will be able to...

- ▶ Understand how to build and implement a good search strategy
- ▶ Know where to find vetted databases containing Queer information
- ▶ Learn general tips & tricks to save you time
- ▶ Know where to find resources on inclusive citation styles

# Outline for the Workshop

1. Discuss heteronormativity and library research
2. Developing a search strategy and tips and tricks to help you along the way
3. Databases to consider
4. Inclusive citation styles



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# Trigger Warning

Heteronormativity and the Library

## Some of the Pitfalls of Heteronormative Academia (and how it relates to using the library)

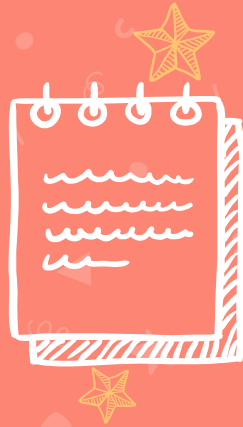
- ▶ Focus on trauma
- ▶ Cis-hetero writers and the privilege of academia
- ▶ Intersectionality
- ▶ Historical content
- ▶ Problematic language used

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# Developing a search strategy

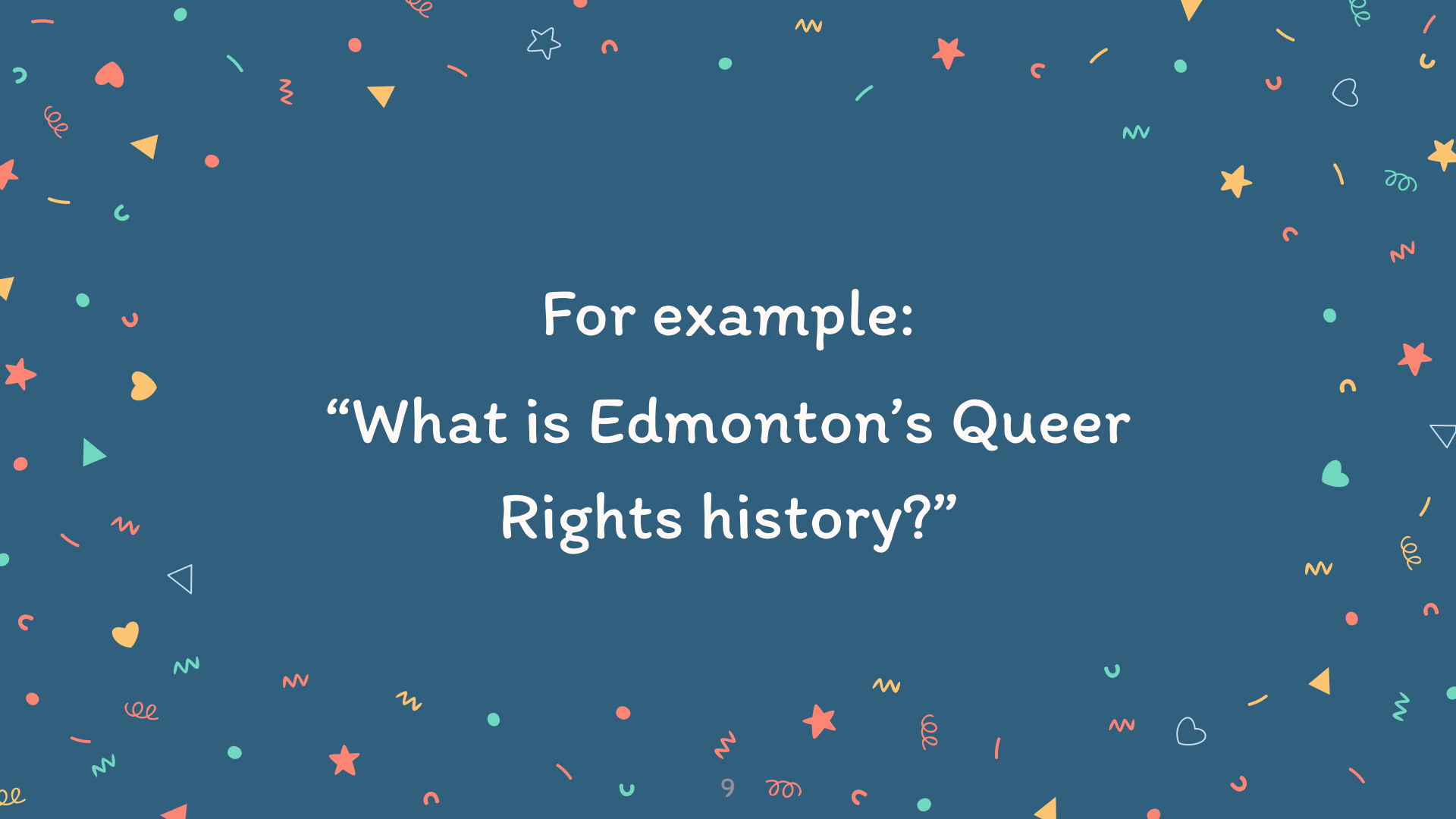
(and tips and tricks to help you along the way)



# Develop your keywords

Focus on key concepts in your research statement/topic/question





For example:  
“What is Edmonton’s Queer  
Rights history?”

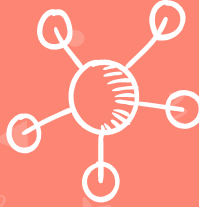


Generate keywords:  
*sometimes a dog isn't a  
dog*

Dog, puppy, canine,  
mutt, hound, pooch, fido,  
doggy, pup

Think of similar or related words to use as keywords

QUEER	RIGHTS	EDMONTON	HISTORY
lgbtq2s+	social movement	alberta	archive
pride	activism	canada	stories
2slgbt	social change	north america	specific year(s)



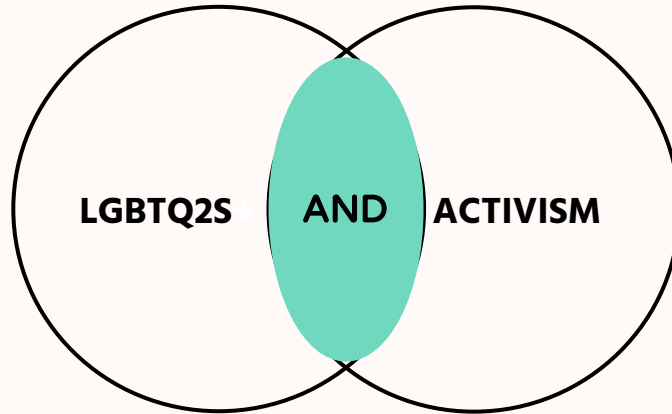
# Use Boolean Operators

Harness how databases turn your search into an algorithm

# Boolean operator AND

**AND** always gets fewer results

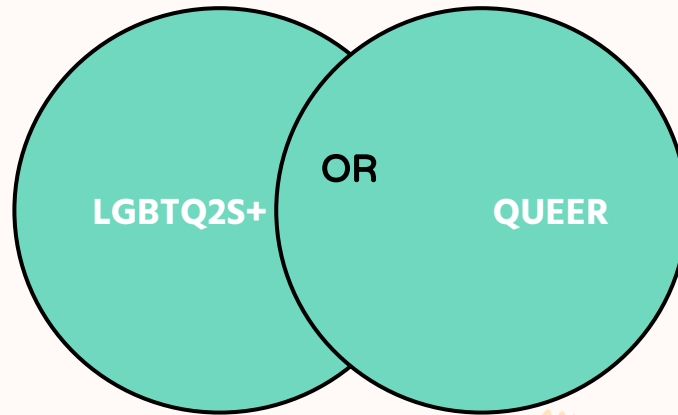
Use **AND** to combine different concepts



# Boolean Operator OR

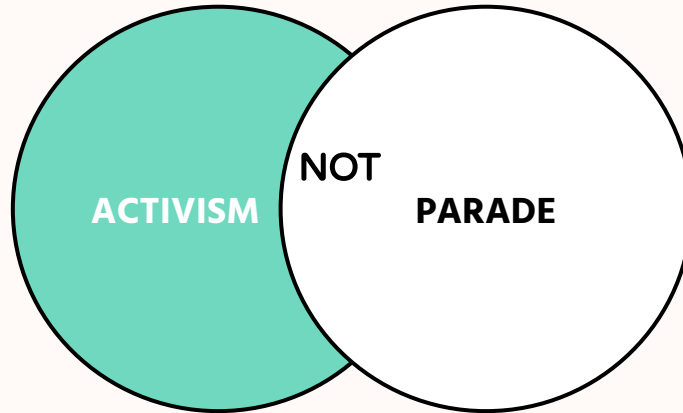
**OR** always gets more results

Use **OR** to combine similar concepts



# Boolean Operator NOT

Not is to exclude





# Properly build search strings with truncation

Put your search together for optimal database searching



- **Add similar terms together with OR and tie different concepts together with AND**

For example:

(2slgbt\* OR LGBT\* OR Pride OR Queer)

AND

(histor\* OR archiv\* OR stories)

AND

(edmonton\* OR alberta\* OR canad\*)

AND

("social movement\*" or activism or "social change\*" or mobiliz\*)

# And more...

What It's Called	How It's Used	What it does
Truncation	lgbt*	lgbt, lgbtq, lgbtq2S+
Wildcard	wom?n, colo?r	Women or woman or womyn, color or colour
Phrase searching "-----"	"social change"	Finds "social change" as an exact phrase, not "social" and "change"



# Consider using controlled vocabulary

Apply a different way of searching

# Controlled vocabulary vs Keyword searching

## Controlled Vocabulary

- Established concepts
- Displays relationships between concepts
- Hand-picked and *controlled*
- Called Subject Headings, Thesaurus, Descriptors, or others

## Keyword Searching

- Newer concepts
- Spelling variations in different countries (Eg. Colour vs Color)
- Interdisciplinary topics and databases
- Akin to using “ctrl/Command-F” to search a PDF or webpage - less controlled



# KAHOOT

1. Open a web browser  
(make sure you can still see Zoom screen)
2. Go to: Kahoot.it
3. Input PIN (we will share)
4. Input nickname or emoji

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# Time to search!

(live demo implementing these strategies)

# Databases to consider

## GENERAL

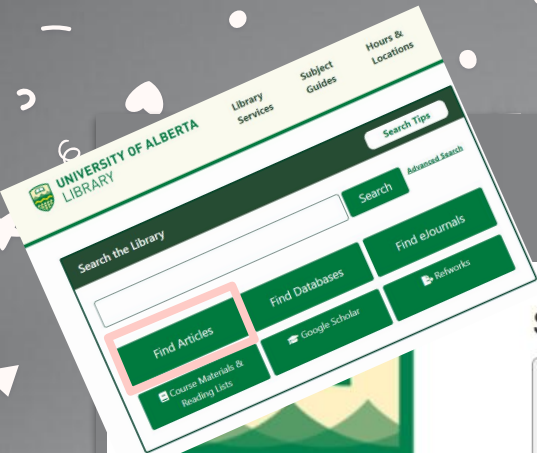
- ▶ Find Articles  
(Articles and EBSCO books)
- ▶ Academic Search Complete
- ▶ Web of Science - All Databases

## SPECIALIZED

- ▶ LGBTQ+ Source
- ▶ Gender Studies Database
- ▶ LGBT Thought and Culture
- ▶ LGBT Studies in Video

## ARCHIVES

- ▶ Archives of Sexuality and Gender
- ▶ LGBT Magazine Archive
- ▶ Sex & Sexuality
- ▶ The ArQuives: Canada's LGBTQ2+ Archives
- ▶ In The Life (UCLA Film & Television Archive)



# FIND ARTICLES from [library.ualberta.ca](http://library.ualberta.ca)

Searching: **Articles and EBSCO ebooks**

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AND ▼	edmonton* OR alberta* OR	Select a Field (optional) ▼
AND ▼	social movement*" or activis	Select a Field (optional) ▼



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Search History

All Databases

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Web of Science

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# Find WAY more resources here:

## <https://guides.library.ualberta.ca/edi>

[University of Alberta Library Home](#) / [Subject Guides](#) / [Equity, Diversity, & Inclusivity: Library Resources](#) / Equity, Diversity, & Inclusivity

### Equity, Diversity, & Inclusivity: Library Resources

#### Equity, Diversity, & Inclusivity

##### Intersectionality

##### BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour)

##### Disability Studies

##### Gender Identity & Expression

##### Sexual Orientation

##### Two-Spirit

##### LGBTQ2S+ In Education

##### Business and the Workplace

##### Context

##### Religious Studies



In 2019, the University of Alberta released their [Strategic Plan for Equity, Diversity & Inclusivity](#). This document sets forth the institutions strategic initiatives to, "embed EDI into the culture of the University of Alberta community, from the grassroots to the senior-most levels." This guide will define equity, diversity, and inclusivity based on the University's [Guiding Principles](#).

While there are separate pages for different topics in this guide, consider how all factors such as race, gender, sexuality, and many more intersect to shape lives; these factors are not isolated, but layered together in complex, individualized

Search this Guide

Search

#### Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity @ the UofA

For University of Alberta, campus-wide resources related to EDI, please visit:

<https://www.ualberta.ca/equity-diversity-inclusivity/index.html>

#### Search Support



Starting your search can seem

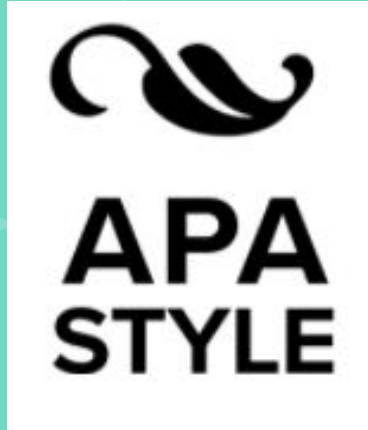


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# Inclusive Citation Styles

Citation styles are finally doing more to go beyond the binary (it's about time!!)

Citation support for they/them pronouns  
(see next slide for more accessible URLs or click  
images below)



# Citation support for they/them pronouns: URLs

1. <http://bit.ly/APA-pronouns>
2. <http://bit.ly/MLA-pronouns>
3. <http://bit.ly/Owl-Purdue-pronouns>
4. <http://bit.ly/Chicago-pronouns>
5. [bit.ly/UAL-pronouns](http://bit.ly/UAL-pronouns)



# Thanks!

Any questions?

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