

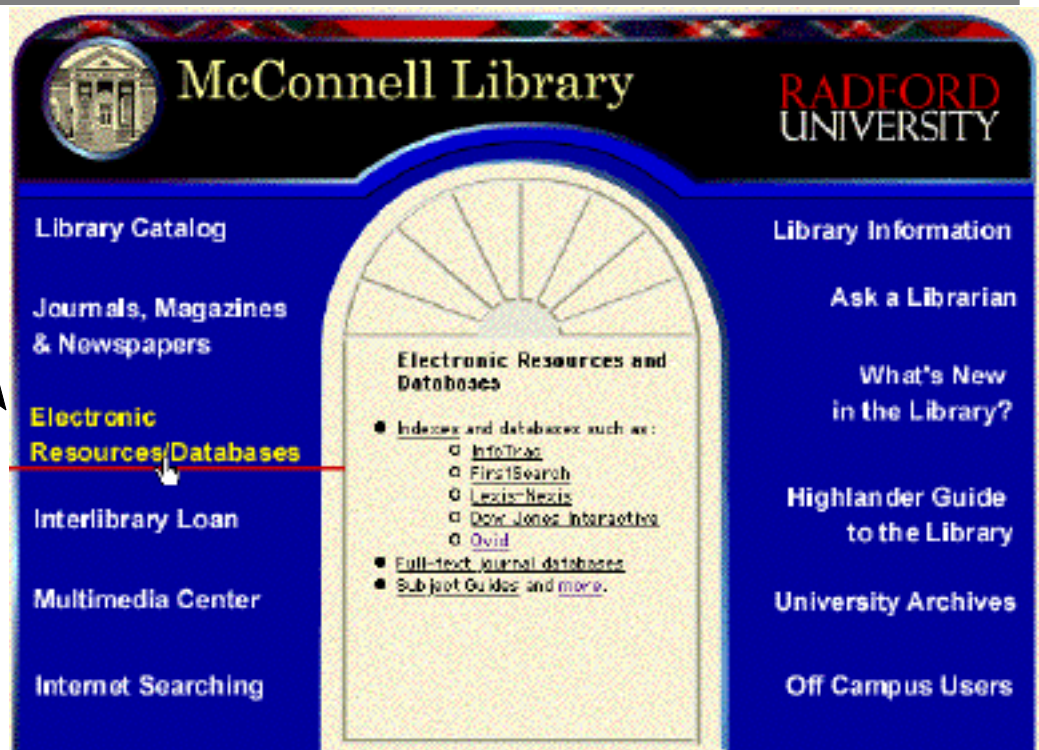
PsycINFO on OVID

The PsycINFO database covers the professional and academic literature in psychology and related disciplines including medicine, psychiatry, nursing, sociology, education, pharmacology, physiology, linguistics, and other areas. Coverage is worldwide, and includes references and abstracts to over 1400 journals and dissertations in more than 30 languages, and to book chapters and books in the English language. Over 50,000 references are added annually. Popular literature is excluded.

1. The PsycINFO database is the major psychology database. It is available from the library web page at: <http://lib.runet.edu/>

Begin your search by clicking on the "Electronic Resources/ Databases" link.

If you live off campus and do not use Radford University as your Internet Service Provider, you may be asked to provide your RU username and password to gain access to this database. More complete information is available from the "Off Campus Users" link on the right side of the library home page.



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ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

2. On the Electronic Resources page, select OVID.

Copies of this and other handouts are available in the Virtual Handout Rack.

Note that you can also access the PsycINFO database from the alphabetical title list, or from the Subject Guide list.

[Cambridge Scientific Abstracts](#) | [Dow Jones Interactive](#) | [FirstSearch](#) |

[InfoTrac](#) | [LEXIS-NEXIS Academic Universe](#) | [Ovid](#) | [SilverPlatter](#)

[**Virtual Handout Rack**](#)

[All Electronic Resources & Databases, alphabetically arranged.](#)

[Subject Guide to Electronic Resources.](#)

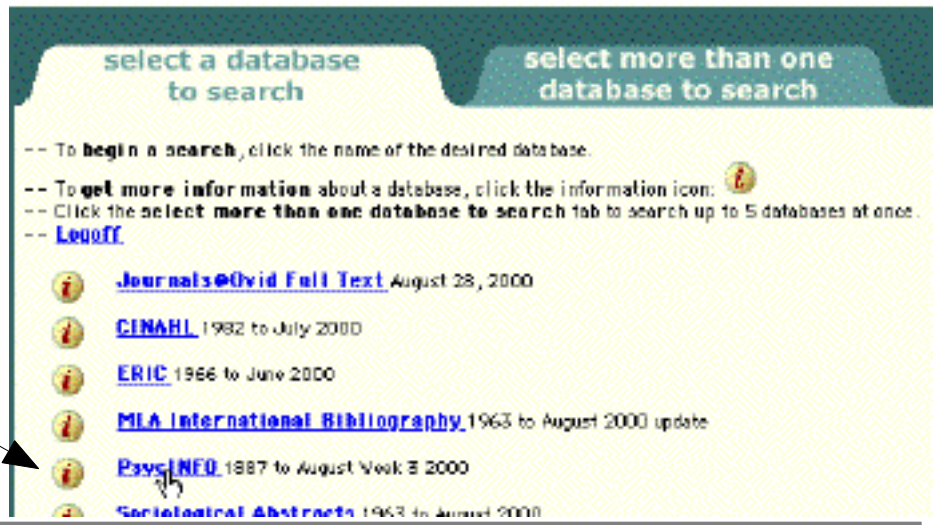
[Full-Text Periodical Databases and Online Journals.](#)

[Newspapers.](#)

3. At the OVID database list page, select PsycINFO.

Note the information icon. Whenever you see this icon, you can click it to get information about a database or about searching the database.

Click on the database name to begin searching PsycINFO.



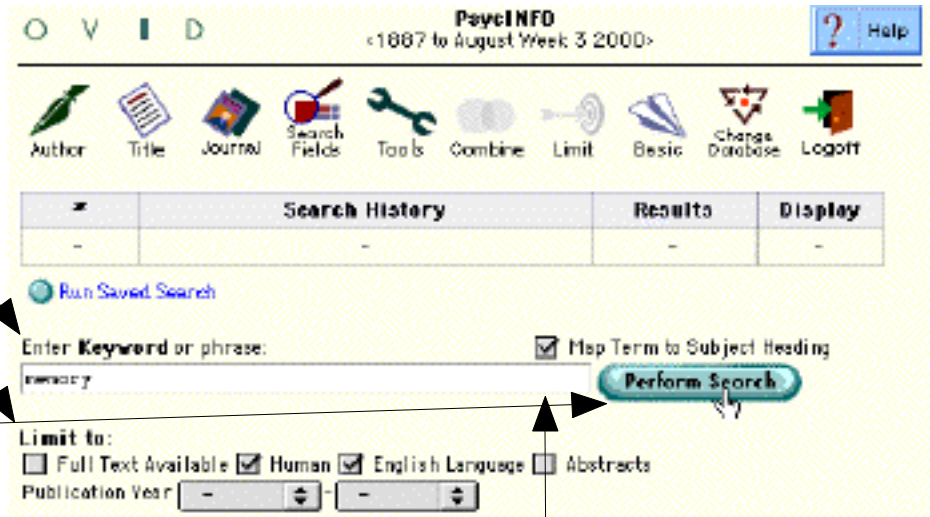
4. This is the beginning PsycINFO search screen. You have several options to choose from in your searching.

Generally you will begin by typing your search words(s) in the search box. In this example the search term is "memory"

In the limit area you can set limits for your search: to English language, only material relating to humans, or by date of publication. Very few full text articles are available currently.

After selecting options, click "Perform Search" to begin your search.

Note that the box "Map Term to Subject Heading" is checked. If it unchecked you will do a key word not a subject search



5. In this screen, the search term has been "mapped" or compared to the database subject heading list. This screen indicates that "memory" is a listed heading and shows that it also appears as part of many other subject headings.

If more than one subject heading is suggested you can select any one or more to search. Combine search terms with "or" or "and" as appropriate.

If you are not sure of the meaning of a suggested term, click on the information icon for an explanation

If you don't like any of the suggested terms, check the box at the end of the list and search the original term as a key word search.



If you "Focus" your search, your term will be a major subject heading and you will find less items.

If you want still more information about the term, click on the term itself. This will show the term in context and usually define the term. After making your search decision, click the "Continue" button.

6. After each search, the system returns to the main search screen where you can enter additional search terms and combine previously searched terms to refine the search.

In the search at the right, the “memory” terms (line 1) have been combined with “childhood” on line 3. The result is line 4 (childhood memory).

You may enter additional search terms at any time from the Main Search screen.

The current search has found 1660 items. You can review your results or set further limits to refine your search.

The screenshot shows the main search interface. At the top, there are icons for Author, Title, Journal, Search Fields, Tools, Combine, Limit, Basic, Change Database, and Logout. Below these is a table with the following data:

	Search History	Results	Display
1	exp EXPLICIT MEMORY/ or exp MEMORY/	34008	Display
2	limit 1 to (human and english language)	26316	Display
3	Childhood?	86858	Display
4	2 and 3	1660	Display

Below the table are buttons for Run Saved Search, Save Search History, and Delete Searches. There is a text input field for "Enter Keyword or phrase:" with a checked box for "Map Term to Subject Heading" and a "Perform Search" button. At the bottom, there is a "Limit to:" section with checkboxes for Full Text Available, Human, English Language, and Abstracts, and a "Publication Year" range selector.

7. There are many ways to refine your search. One way is to use the icons from the Main Search screen to search by Author, Title, Journal name, etc. These searches may then be combined with your other search terms. One of the most useful methods of refining your search is to do a “Limit” search which is explained below.



8. By clicking the “Limit” icon, you may “limit” any line of your search history using the various criteria at the right.

First select the line of the search you want to limit by clicking the button at the left of that search line.

Then select the limits from the check boxes and menus displayed below your search history. You may apply as many limits as you wish, but if you impose too many limits, your search results may be zero.

By using the “shift”, “ctrl” or “apple” key (depending on the type of computer you are using), you can select multiple items from the scrolling menus.

After you click the “Limit Search” button, (at the top or bottom of the window, you will return to the Main Search Screen where you can “Display” the results of your search.

This screenshot shows the search limit options. At the top, a table shows search history with line 4 selected. Below it, the "Limit to:" section includes checkboxes for Full Text Available, Animal, Abstracts, Tests & Measures, Journal Articles, Human, Disordered Populations, Treatment & Prevention, Latest Update, English Language, and Non Disordered Populations. There is also a "Publication Year" range selector from 1990 to 2000. Below this, there are several scrolling menus for selecting criteria:

- Age Groups:** 120 Neonatal (birth to age 1 mo), 140 Infancy (age 2 to 23 mo), 160 Preschool Age (age 2 to 5 yrs), 190 School Age (age 6 to 12 yrs), 200 Adolescence (age 13 to 17 yrs), 300 ALL Adulthood (age 18 yrs and older)
- Empirical Human Populations:** Childhood (birth to 12 years), Adolescence (13 to 17 years), Adulthood (18+ years)
- Intended Audience:** (empty menu)
- Classification Codes:** 2229 Consumer Opinion & Attitude Testing, 2240 Statistics & Mathematics, 2250 Research Methods & Experimental Design, 2300 Human Experimental Psychology, 2320 Sensory Perception, 2323 Visual Perception
- Form/Content Types:** 0700 Editorials, 0800 Empirical Study, 0810 Case Study, 0820 Clinical Case Report, 0830 Experimental Replication, 0840 Followup Study
- Languages:** (empty menu)

9. After you “Display” your search, you will see the screen below. Scroll down the screen, to see the results of your search. Click “Abstract” or “Complete Reference” to see more information about any citation. If you see a link for “Full Text”, the full text of an item is available from the database.

The system displays ten records per page. At the bottom of each screen click the “Next Citation(s)” button to continue viewing the search results. If you wish, click the “Customize Display” button to customize the display of your search.



Results of your search: **limit 4 to (journal articles and human and english language and (lxx all childhood <birth to age 12 yrs> or 180 school age <age 6 to 12 yrs> or 200 adolescence <age 13 to 17 yrs>) and 2345 learning & memory and yr-1990-2000)**
 Citations displayed: 1 - 8 of 8
 Go to Record: 1 [Citation Manager](#) • [Help](#) • [Logout](#)

[Customize Display](#) [Reset Display](#)

- 1. Hermer, Linda. **Internally coherent spatial memories in a mammal.** [Journal Article] *Neuroreport: an International Journal for the Rapid Communication of Research in Neuroscience*. Vol 8(7), Page 1997, 1743-1747. Abstract • Complete Reference
- 2. Meyer, Robert S. **Covering gender on memory's front page: Men's prominence and women's prospects.** [Journal Article] *Sex Roles: A J*. Vol 37(7-8), Oct 1997, 595-618. Abstract • Complete Reference
- 3. Coxon, Pamela, Valentine, Tim. **The effects of the age of eyewitnesses on the accuracy and suggestibility of their testimony.** [Journal Article] *Applied Cognitive Psychology*. Vol 11(5), Oct 1997, 415-430. Abstract • Complete Reference
- 4. Gathercole, Susan E; Hitch, Graham J; Service, Elisabeth; Martin, Amanda J. **Phonological short-term memory and new word learning in children.** [Journal Article] *Developmental Psychology*. Vol 33(6), Nov 1997, 966-979. Abstract • Complete Reference
- 5. Swanson, H. Lee, Berninger, Virginia W. **Individual differences in children's writing: A function of working memory or reading or both processes?** [Journal Article] *Reading & Writing: An Interdisciplinary Journal*. Vol 8(4), Aug 1996, 357-383. Abstract • Complete Reference

10. When you have finished marking records, go to the “Citation Manager” which is located at the bottom of every brief record or title display screen. The Citation Manager is used to sort and format your printed, emailed, or saved search results. If you have marked records, this will be the default search result. Use the “Fields” box to select which fields will be included in your output. Select your citation format, generally “Ovid”, and/or select the save format according to your computer. It is also a good idea to include your search history in case you have questions about your search results. After you have made your choices, click “Print Preview” (to preview records for printing), or Email, or Save. If you are printing, print from the browser's print button.

Citation Manager: Display, Print, Save, or Email Citations

Citations	Fields	Citation Format	Action
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Primary:	-	Ascending	
Secondary:	-	Ascending	

11. After you have printed or saved your search, you will want to return to the library home page. Click the “Library Catalog” link and then the “Journals, Newspapers & Magazines: Title List”. Use the “Title List” to determine if the journal citations in your bibliography are available in McConnell Library or through an electronic database we have access to. Items not available through the library's paper or electronic holdings can be ordered through the “Interlibrary Loan” link on the library home page.

To search for books, use the library catalog first and then use Interlibrary Loan for items we don't own. If you have any questions, be sure to ask for help at the Reference Desk.