Selected Core Competencies for Students who Conduct Library Research

Understand:

...how to use bibliographies and reference lists to identify additional sources on a topic.

...how to use Internet Search engines.

...how to broaden and narrow a topic.

...how to brainstorm keywords, synonyms, and related terms when searching for a topic.

...the difference between searching “on the Internet” and using specialized library sources available via the Internet.

...that some information may not be available.

...research may be interdisciplinary, requiring research in many databases and books.

...what a “primary source” is.

...how to make conclusions from the available evidence (e.g., a Philosopher’s likely opinion on a modern-day concept).

...pro and con essays may not be available on all topics.