“A research paper requires effort and use of the library” – this is a quote from page 4 of the guidelines for the DEVS 100 research paper. This guide provides suggestions for finding:

1. Background Information
2. Books
3. Scholarly Journal Articles
4. Newspapers
5. Intergovernmental Organization publications (IGOs)
6. Non-governmental Organization publications (NGOs)
7. Electronic books (as all the paper copies will eventually be taken out from Stauffer)
8. And a word about the library’s new search engine - SUMMON

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Encyclopedias, dictionaries, atlases help you to:
- Clarify and understand concepts
- Discover research topics


**International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences**

**Suggested topics:** Area & International Studies; Area Studies; Development and Modernization Studies; Global/International Studies, etc.


**International Studies Encyclopedia**
2. BOOKS - USING THE LIBRARY CATALOGUE (QCAT)

![QCAT Catalogue tab on the library homepage](image)

Figure 1: Screen capture of the QCAT Catalogue tab on the library homepage

Search the library catalogue (QCAT) to find materials (such as books, videos, journals, newspapers and government documents) available, in print and online, at Queen’s University Library.

- Search by Author: last name first name
- Search by Title: omit initial articles (the, a, an, le, la...)
- Search by Journal (Periodical) Title: eg Journal of Development Studies
- Search by Keyword (“and” is automatically placed between words)
- Search by Keyword Boolean: To narrow the scope of your search you can join together your search terms (keywords) “Boolean operators.” Boolean operators are used to indicate the relationship(s) between words/concepts. They are: [and, or, not, “a phrase”]. In addition, there are special characters (such as “?” for truncating) that allow you to perform more sophisticated searches. eg. (hiv or aids) and “South Africa” and (women or child?)

3. SCHOLARLY JOURNAL ARTICLES

START WITH...

Google Scholar
A good starting point...but never search only Google Scholar for journal articles, try another multidisciplinary database like...

Academic Search Complete
A multi-disciplinary index (with abstracts) to more than 10,900 publications including peer-reviewed journals, popular magazines, conference proceedings, monographs and reports.

AND THEN MOVE ON TO A DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC DATABASE – Below are two suggestions, but if your research is in a more specific area like Environment, Health, Social topics, etc. you might want to consult the subject guide for a database relevant to that discipline.

GEOBASE
Summary: Indexes refereed scientific papers, trade journal and magazine articles, product reviews, directories and other relevant material. Includes International Development Abstracts.
**PAIS International**

**Summary:** Comprehensive, international index to the literature of public and social policy, and to the social sciences in general. Covers journal articles (scholarly and popular), books, government documents (emphasis on Canada, USA, UN), statistical compilations, committee reports (private and public), and directories.

4. **NEWSPAPERS**

**Canadian Newsstand**
Eighteen Canadian daily newspapers updated daily.

![allAfrica.com](image)

One hundred African news organizations and AllAfrica's own reporting team and provides documents and news releases from over 200 NGOs, governments and international institutions.

**Factiva**
More than 28,000 sources from 157 countries in 23 languages, including more than 600 continuously updated newswires.

5. **INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (IGOs)**
Try this [Google](https://www.google.com) OR [UIA](https://www.uia-international.org) custom search that searches only IGO publications like the World Bank, United Nations, World Health Organization, etc.

6. **NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs)**
Try this [Google](https://www.google.com) custom search that searches only NGO publications like Human Rights Watch, The Red Cross, World Water Council, etc.

**Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)**
**International Development Research Centre (IDRC)**
CIDA and IDRC’s websites provide information on Canadian policy, development projects around the world, and electronic books on development issues.

**Development Gateway**
Development Gateway Foundation’s online resources portal for information related to information technology and development.

**Eldis**
You already know about this one...the goal of the Eldis website is to share the best in development policy, practice and research.
7. ELECTRONIC BOOKS
DEVS 100 is a large class. You may find that many of the print books have already been taken out of Stauffer Library...here are some e-book packages that may help.

**Canadian Electronic Library**
Full-text access to a large collection of scholarly e-books published by leading Canadian publishers as well as by international academic publishers.

**Canadian Electronic Library: Public Policy Collection**
Collection of Canadian publications, in English or French, originally issued in the public domain by research institutes, think tanks, lobby groups, etc. **NOT SCHOLARLY**

**MyLibrary ebrary**
Cover-to-cover search and browse access to the full-text of books from various academic publishers

**Springer eBook Collection**
Full text access to over 12,000 books published by Springer between 2005 and 2010. The collection consists of textbooks, monographs, reference works, handbooks, book series and encyclopedias.

**World Bank e-Library**
Working papers, documents, books and other material from the World Bank.

8. SUMMON
Summon is a new search engine that lets you search for books, journal articles, newspaper articles and more all from one search box. You may want to try it...works better for some searches than others. Once you have search results use the facets on the left-hand menu bar to narrow your search results.

![Summon search box](http://library.queensu.ca/summon)

**Figure 2:** Screen capture of the Summon search box on the library homepage

http://library.queensu.ca/summon
OFF CAMPUS ACCESS
You must login to the Queen’s University proxy server to access some of the resources on this list when you are off campus – for example if you go home during Thanksgiving or the December holidays. The login screen should automatically appear. Enter your netid and password. If the screen does not automatically appear go to https://login.proxy.queensu.ca/login and sign in.

GETTING HELP
- Research Help Desk, Stauffer Library
  Monday – Friday, 11:00am – 5:00pm
  Saturday – Sunday, 1:00pm – 4:00pm

- Contact Jackie Druery, Global Development Studies Liaison Librarian, drueryj@queensu.ca

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