My Research Project: Record Searches

One of the most important research strategies you can use as you collect information is keeping track of your searches. This will save you time should you need to search again later, and it will help determine which keywords and phrases returned the most promising results.

In your research log, record the following information for each of your searches.

1. Resource that was searched
2. Search terms used (keywords, phrases, publication information)
3. Search strategies used (simple search, wildcard search, exact phrase search, Boolean search)
4. Date search was conducted
5. Number of results produced by the search
6. Relevance of the results
7. Notes about the search