ASU Librarian Research Tips & Resources
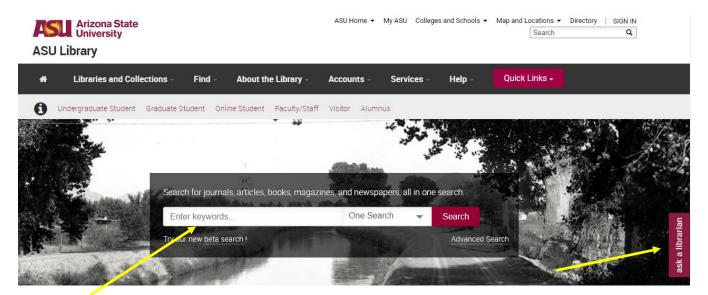
Student Research Resources

- PUSD Student Portal   https://student.pusd11.net/sites/library/default.aspx
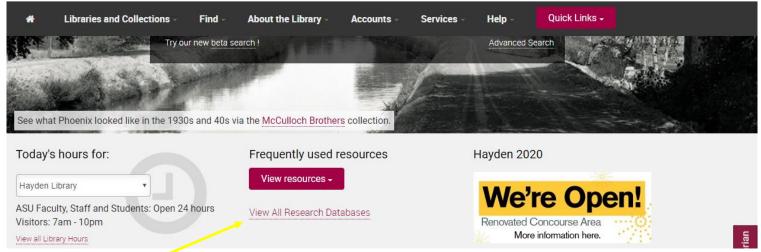

- ASU Library Resources   https://lib.asu.edu

Can search from home or at the MET

Can ask an ASU librarian for help online chat option

Can access additional databases from any ASU site

Determining if a source is reliable – CRAAP TEST
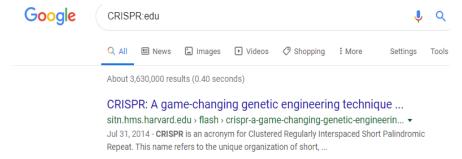

Government reports - **.gov**

Education databases - **.edu**

Business sites - **.org**

Google Research Techniques

- Search by topic site
  topic:edu will get you links from only educational sites
  topic:gov will get you links from only governmental sites
  topic:org will get you links form only business sites

- Search by file type

  topic:pdf will get you only pdf resources
  topic:xls will get you only Excel data

- Exact match

  Use quotes – e.g. "tallest building"

- Specify unknown variable

  Use * within quotes – e.g. "* is thicker than water"

- Eliminate results with certain words

  Use minus sign – e.g. jaguar – car

- Search websites for key words

  topic:TIME.com will only search TIME.com

- To learn the meaning of words

  Use "DEFINE:topic"

- Combine searches

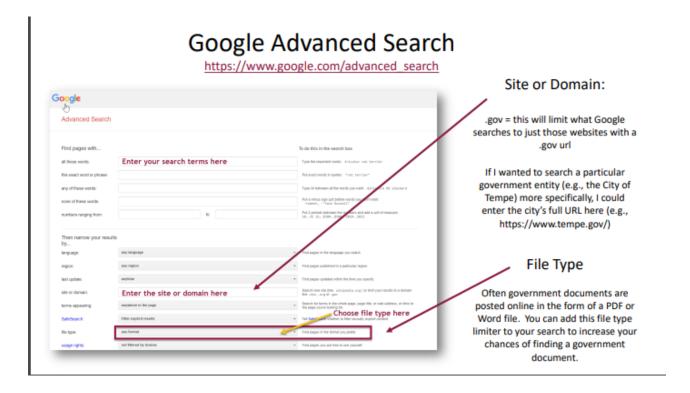 Put "OR" between search query – e.g. marathon OR Race

- To get mostly from scholarly databases

- Advanced Google Searches

Citing Sources

- Free Citation Managers

  Zotero - https://www.zotero.org

  Mendeley - https://www.mendeley.com/?interaction_required=true

  (CANNOT DOWNLOAD ON SCHOOL COMPUTERS 🙁)

- Accurately Cite Sources – MLA/APA

  http://www.citationmachine.net

  http://www.easybib.com/