

# Researching and Resources

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*Dinner in the Library Series, Part 3*

# Recap and today

## Lesson 1

Website

Books

Databases

Visual Resources (Images, Movies)

How to get help from Pratt's Library

NYPL

## Lesson 2

Using PrattCat

Placing a book on hold

Inter Library Loans (ILL) / ConnectNY

## Today's Lesson (#3)

Starting and finding research on a your topic:

Wikipedia and Google

Citation Indexes

Boolean Operators

Looking up articles in the database

Group Time

# Getting Started

Wikipedia <https://www.wikipedia.org/>

Wikipedia is a free Internet encyclopedia. It can help you start your research in a couple of ways:

- Provide additional searching terms
- Provide background information
- Provide citations

# Getting Started

Google makes a product for searching scholarly research -

Google Scholar [www.scholar.google.com](http://www.scholar.google.com)

Google Scholar is a citation index.

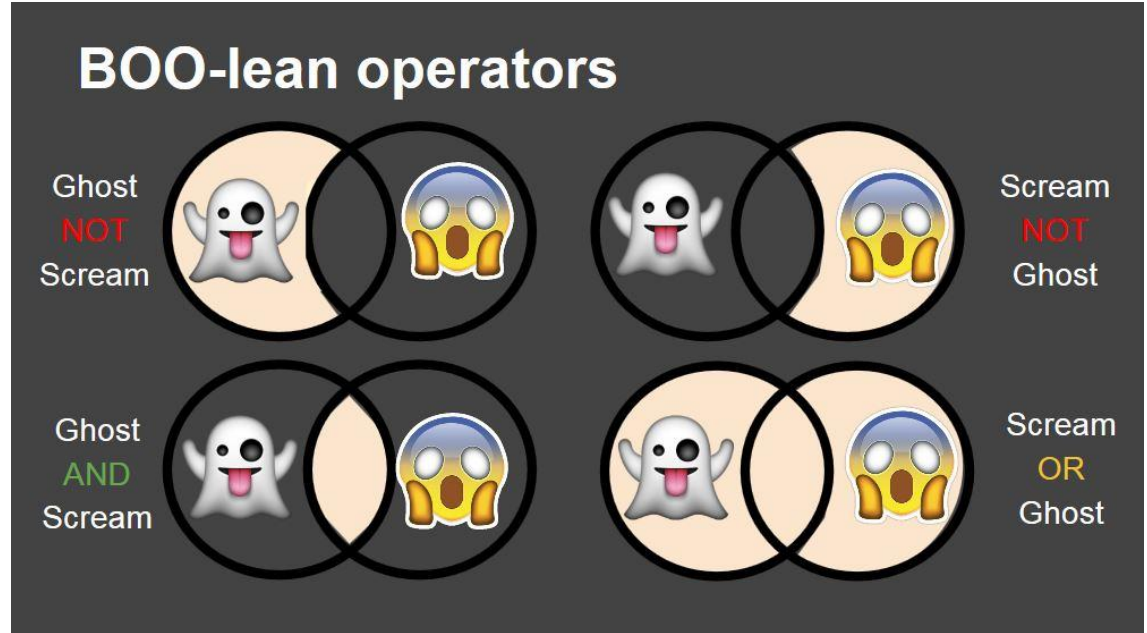
**Citation Indexes** create links between papers. You can search for papers and see what articles that paper cited as well as who has cited the article you searched for. You can use these citations to gather more resources.

# Boolean Operators

**AND** - provides papers that include both “A” **AND** “B”

**NOT** - provides papers that include “A” but **NOT** “B”

**OR** - provides papers that include “A” **OR** “B”



graphic from <http://librariandesignshare.org/>

# Getting Articles from Pratt's Library

Let's try getting a few citations and articles from our search terms from the Pratt Library Website: [www.library.pratt.edu](http://www.library.pratt.edu)

First we will try Scopus, a Citation Index that Pratt subscribes to.

Second a database with our Boolean Terms.

Then linking from the Journal Title from Pratt's site.

# Group Time

Work with groupmates to brainstorm additional search words or terms that can be used to broaden or narrow your topic. If your group has a computer feel free to look topics up on Wikipedia.

Don't Forget to take a moment to introduce yourself to your group mates!

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# How The Library Can Help From Home

Pratt Library

Phone - 718-636-3704

Website - <http://library.pratt.edu/>

Email - [libref@pratt.edu](mailto:libref@pratt.edu)

NYPL 24/7 Chat reference

<http://www.nypl.org/ask-nypl>

BPL 24/7 Chat reference

<http://www.bklynlibrary.org/ask-librarian>

Queens Public Library 24/7 Chat reference

<http://www.queenslibrary.org/ask-a-librarian>