

## Be a super searcher. Check out these tricks for amping up your search know-how.

Search Trick	OPAC Online Catalog	Google	Yahoo	Ask.com
<b>Wild Card Searching</b>  (a.k.a. stemming, truncating)	Add a \$ to the first part of the word.  war\$ = war, wars, warfare	Automatically searches for stems.  You can use an asterisk in place of a word.  "drove my chevy to the *"	No	No
<b>Synonyms</b>	Use OR operator to search for either term.  warfare OR weaponry	Add ~ to the beginning of word to search synonyms.  ~weaponry  Use OR operator or   (pipeline) to search for either term.  warfare OR weaponry  warfare   weaponry	Use OR operator or   (pipeline) to search for either term.  warfare OR weaponry  warfare   weaponry	Use OR operator or   (pipeline) to search for either term.  warfare OR weaponry  warfare   weaponry
<b>Eliminate types of pages</b>	Use NOT operator  Greek NOT war (search results will not be about Greek warfare)	Add – sign to the beginning of word you want left out of the search  Viking weaponry –replicas	Add – sign to the beginning of word you want left out of the search  Viking weaponry –replicas  Use NOT operator  Viking weaponry NOT replicas	Add – sign to the beginning of word you want left out of the search  Viking weaponry –replicas
<b>Specify what website or domain to search</b>	n/a	Add site: to the url or domain you want to search  site:mariemontschools.org  greek medicine site:edu	Add site: to the url or domain you want to search  site:mariemontschools.org  greek medicine site:edu	Add site: to the url or domain you want to search  site:mariemontschools.org  greek medicine site:edu

