I. PsycINFO
PsycINFO will lead you to journal articles, books, book chapters, and dissertations in the behavioral sciences. To use it, go to the library’s Databases by Subject page. Click on Psychology and Counseling, then on PsycINFO.

Tabs at the top take you to three different levels of searches: Basic, Advanced, and the new Visual.

The next line shows the kind of search: keyword (default), thesaurus (for finding subjects), cited references, and indexes.

Use Advanced Search to narrow your search to authors, title words, etc.

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II. Get it for full text and other services
If the article says it has full text, just click on that link. If not, look for the Get it button.

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III. RefWorks
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Other databases to consider: MEDLINE (for physiological and clinical psychology, pharmacology and psychiatry), Academic Search Complete (for a little of everything), PsycARTICLES (full text of APA journals, but it’s all covered in PsycINFO), Psychology and Behavioral Science Collection, Mental Measurements Yearbook (psychological tests), and SocINDEX with Full Text (social psychology).

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