HOW TO SEARCH WITHIN THE SALIS COLLECTION

Want assistance in searching the **SALIS Collection**, an **Internet Archive** collection? Not finding what you need?

Click [here](http://archive.org/details/salis) for detailed advanced search help, provided by the **Internet Archive**, including:
- A video tutorial on building complex search strategies,
- Fielded detail,
- How to combine terms,
- How to search word ending variations.

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**Search Tips with examples specific to searching The SALIS Collection:**

**http://archive.org/details/salis/**

**TIP 1:** Search your topic with multiple search strategies.
The drug and alcohol field has a rich but unstandardized terminology. Multiple search queries are usually needed to gather a comprehensive list of resources for a topic. You may enter a single search term into the search box, but building a more complex search query helps refine results. For example:
- for substance use disorders, you may also want to try: drug abuse, chemical dependency, substance use and misuse, substance abuse, drug dependency, etc.
- for outcomes, you may also want to try: outcome, effective, effectiveness, efficacy, success, successful, etc.

Tips 2, 3, and 4 show how the above link helps you to refine your search:

**TIP 2:** For visual learners, there is a clear and helpful **12-minute video tutorial**.

**TIP 3:** Boolean Operators for connecting search terms:
The video above contains a concise explanation of how to connect search terms, but as a recap, the most common are:
- **AND** - narrows your search
- **OR** - widens your search
- **AND NOT** - excludes terms from your search
- **( )** - parentheses prioritize the contents within
• " " - double quotes will only return results with an exact match for the phrase within
• * - wild card, use to include various word endings (alcohol* for alcoholism, alcoholic ...)

**TIP 4: Fielded Searches for refining and limiting your search:**
Here are some common fields you might want to search. [Note that there is no space following the colon.]

- **title** - the title of the work
  - e.g. title:"science of marijuana" will find items with the exact phrase “science of marijuana" in the title field

- **subject** - terms that describe the content of the work (also referred to as topics or keywords) (entries not standardized)
  - e.g. subject:recovery will find items with the word recovery in their subject fields

- **creator** - the person (or entity) that created the work, e.g. the author, director, conductor, etc.
  - e.g. creator:(White AND William) will find all items with both William and White in the creator field

- **date** - the date the work was published, often in YYYY or YYYY-MM-DD format
  - e.g. date:1922 will find all items with a publish date within the year 1922

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