BOOLEAN OPERATORS

AND  OR  NOT

AND

This operator is implied in many databases (also GOOGLE)

Use the Boolean operator **AND** when you want both search terms included in your search results.

Example:
Globalization **AND** “Human Trafficking”

OR

Use the Boolean operator **OR** when you want to broaden your search or want to combine synonyms or related words.

Example:
Migration **OR** Immigration

NOT

Use the Boolean operator **NOT** when you want to exclude words from your search.

Example:
Migration **NOT** Immigration
QUOTATION MARKS IN SEARCHES

Use quotation marks to search for exact phrases. This is possible in Google, the library catalog, and most of the databases.

Example:
“Human trafficking”

TRUNCATION IN SEARCHES

Truncation is used to search variants of a word. An asterisk is a common truncation symbol. Many databases, also Google, use an asterisk * as their truncation symbol. Other common truncation signs are:

$, !, ?, #

Example:
Politi*

results will include:
politics, politician, policy, politicking, political, politically ...

WILDCARDS

Wildcards substitute a symbol for one letter of a word, similar to truncation. This is useful if a word is spelled in different ways (American or English spelling)

Example:
Colo?r

Results will include:
Color, Colour ...