

## Demystifying the Literature Review

**Date:** Monday, February 24, 2025 **Time:** 2:00pm - 2:45pm **Presenter:** Rachel Sperling **Location:** Online

Learn how to conduct a literature review for your research papers, independent projects, and fellowship applications. In this 45-minute workshop, students will learn:

- why a literature review is important
- ways to get started conducting a literature review
- techniques to synthesize your sources
- how to use citation management software (like [Zotero](#) [1]) to organize citations and take notes

What is a literature review?

A literature review is similar to an annotated bibliography, but more formal, analytical, and narrative. They are often required in for theses and published papers to provide an analysis of sources/authors to demonstrate how your research fits within a larger academic conversation. Depending on the discipline, a literature review might also be called a systematic review, argumentative review, meta-analysis, or a methodological review.

Audience: Undergraduate students. Graduate students new to writing a literature review are also welcome to attend.

Registration: Required for access to the Zoom room. You will also receive a reminder email 1-hour before the event.

Any student who participates in at least 3 library workshops this semester will be eligible for a prize. [Learn more about the Workshop Incentive Program](#) [2].

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