**Library Research**

**As you work through these exercises, please ask a librarian if you have any questions!**

**Narrow the focus of a broad topic by making it more specific and turning it into a question.**

If you have a topic that you’re interested in, write it down below.

**Your Topic:**

Often, it helps to narrow your topic (or make it more specific and focused) before you start doing research. Complete the following exercise to turn your topic into a research question. Start in the middle and work out in any order.

*Remember, a research question can inform, interpret and argue.*
Circle three main concepts in your research question and brainstorm synonyms or other keywords that would narrow or broaden your topic.

Example:
Children who play video games are more likely to be violent

Key concepts

Synonyms

Now try it with your research question.

Question: ___________________________________________________________________________________

Key concepts

Synonyms