WORKING WITH LITERATURE

**FIND IT!**
- Knowing the literature types
- Using available resources
- Honing your search skills

**MANAGE IT!**
- Reading efficiently
- Keeping track of references
- Writing relevant annotations

**USE IT!**
- Choosing your research topic
- Developing your question
- Arguing your rationale
- Informing your study with theory
- Designing method

**REVIEW**
- Understanding the lit review’s purpose
- Ensuring adequate coverage
- Writing purposefully
- Working on style and tone
FIGURE 1. THE LITERATURE AND YOUR RESEARCH TOPIC

Topic literature review will provide:
- Definitions
- History
- Key studies
- Theories
- Concepts
- Themes
- Topic map
- Key questions and problems
- Debates and issues
- Current situation

... and will help you to identify:
- Knowledge gaps
- Definitional problems
- Theoretical problems

Proposal for your research
- Introduction
- Rationale
- Context
- Indicative review

Methodology literature review will provide:
- Methodological assumptions
- Debates and arguments
- Issues
- Problems
- Data instruments
- Research designs
- Validity and reliability
- Findings
- Conclusions
- Recommendations

... and will help you to identify:
- Methodological problems
- Empirical gaps
- Political Issues

Your topic
Your research