Library Research Strategy

This flowchart can help you formulate a plan for your research process:

1. **Choose a Topic**
   - Review background sources to gain a general understanding of your topic, including important definitions and concepts.
   - Focus on terminology as you review sources.

2. **Gather Relevant Info**
   - For books and videos, use IUCAT.
   - For journal, newspaper, or magazine articles, use Journal Databases.
   - Other sources: web, government publications, statistical sources.
   - Are your results relevant? If not, you may try rethinking your research strategy.

3. **Feedback Loop**
   - This helps you focus, narrow, or broaden your search.

For help with any stage of this process, ask a librarian for assistance.

You may start with a very specific research question or a more general topic that you can refine as you look at background sources and conduct searches on the internet or in journal databases.