An annotated bibliography is a key skill of college level research. When you create an annotated bibliography you are justifying the sources that you selected. Briefly explain what the paper is telling you and how this helps you to write your paper.

When you write an annotated bibliography you should start by citing your sources and putting them in alphabetical order. Then you can write the summary. Here is an example:

Leoni, D., Fleming, T., & McFarland, J. L. (2023). Cultivating a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) community for two-year college student success and persistence. *PLoS ONE*, 18(9), 1–22.

The authors, Professors of Science and Technology at Edmonds College, analyzed 415 students who participated in a peer mentoring program (RiSE) over the course of seven academic years. They hypothesized that participation in the program would result in more students staying in STEM programs. They discovered that their hypothesis was correct. The peer mentoring program built resilience and there was almost a 20 percent increase of students who stayed in the program after connecting with mentors compared to those who did not connect. The study is limited by its focus on Edmonds college, a two year school, and the scalability of the results needs further study. The authors end by suggesting ways to immediately implement culture change at local college programs and remind the reader of the importance of academic support.

Notice the formatting. The librarians can show you how to set up the formatting on your computer.

Below we will practice making an annotated bibliography.

Worksheet:

You will be asked to find three sources for your annotated bib. Please continue to use your assigned question and partner from the last session.

Source 1: Citation: Now you will summarize the citation. Respond to the following

- Is this source scholarly?
- What is the author's hypothesis?
- What are the key findings of the paper? (Look at the results)



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What are the key findings of the paper?
Why does this matter?
Source 3: Now try this on your own. See if you can format your summary into a single paragraph.