APA STYLE CITATION FORMAT

Anyone who wants to write well in an academic context must have a good understanding of how to properly cite source material used in a work, whether it is a class paper or a report of a study being submitted for possible publication in a scholarly journal.

One of the things a good library should do is to provide information to users on how to properly cite source material. In 2011 the behavioral and social sciences have pretty much agreed to use the *APA Style Manual* as the authority on how to cite source material.

Students can buy their own copy of the manual. Many times, however, a student will be working on a project and not have access to a written copy of the manual. Some people would know that they can locate this source online. The role of a library is to organize information and to provide easy access to this information.

For this reason the USSA Library is providing students and others easy access to the APA (American Psychological Association) home page. Citation information can be found by going to the site, where a number of helpful tools can be found. The site is located at [http://www.apastyle.org/](http://www.apastyle.org/).