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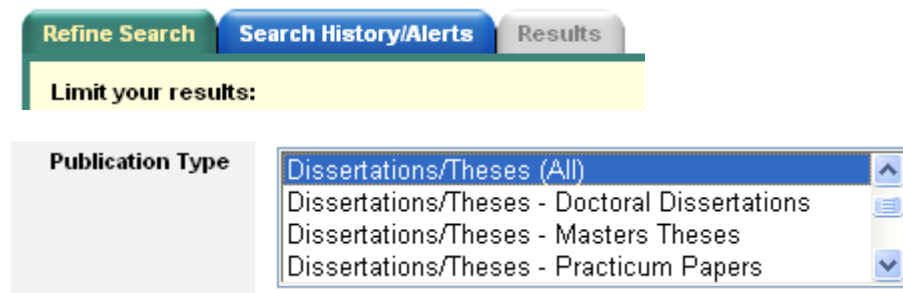
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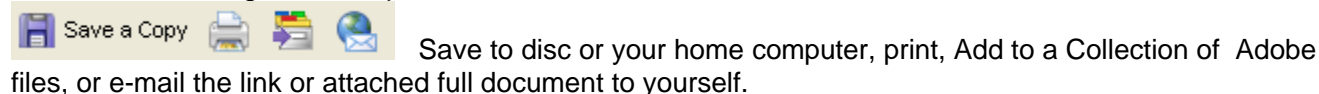
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- Mauch, J. E., Birch, J. W., & NetLibrary, I. (1998). *Guide to the successful thesis and dissertation [computer file] : A handbook for students and faculty* (4th ed., rev. and expand ed.). New York: M. Dekker.
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- Orcher, L. (2005). *Conducting research: Social and behavioral science methods*. Glendale, CA: Pycszak.
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- Sansone, C., Morf, C.C., & Panter, A.T., eds. (2004) *The Sage handbook of methods in social psychology*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. **HM1019 .S24 2004**
- Schwandt, T.A. (2001) *Dictionary of qualitative inquiry* (2nd ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
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- Silverman, D. (Ed.). (2004). *Qualitative research: Theory, method and practice* (2nd ed.). London: Sage.
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- Swetnam, D., & NetLibrary, I. (1997). *Writing your dissertation: How to plan, prepare and present your work successfully [computer file]* (2nd ed.). Oxford: How to Books. **e-book in Library Catalog**
- Thomas, R. (2003). *Blending qualitative & quantitative research methods in theses and dissertations*. Thousand Oaks, Calif: Corwin Press. **LB2369 .T4575 2003**

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