Document Everything
Have a place where you can refer to your strategy, your searches, main questions, and other notes.

Meet with a Librarian
Librarians can help at several phases of the search. Consult them when designing a search, reviewing your search strategy, and updating your search—or any other points along the way.

Design a Strategy
A well-designed strategy will guide you through the search process. It defines specific procedures for finding evidence relevant to the Systematic Review. Use your librarian to plan a strategy.

Search Bibliographic Databases
The best way to limit your exposure to bias and ensure the quality of your SR is to search multiple places. Bibliographic Databases tend to be subject-specific and contain published information.

Use Citation Indices and Other Tools to Locate Grey Literature
To further eliminate bias and include balance in your SR, locate citations of conference proceedings, trials, books, reports, and other "grey" literature.

Trace Citations from Eligible Studies
To maximize your pool of options before selection, use references from eligible studies and reviews to locate more literature.

Update the Search at pre-determined intervals

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