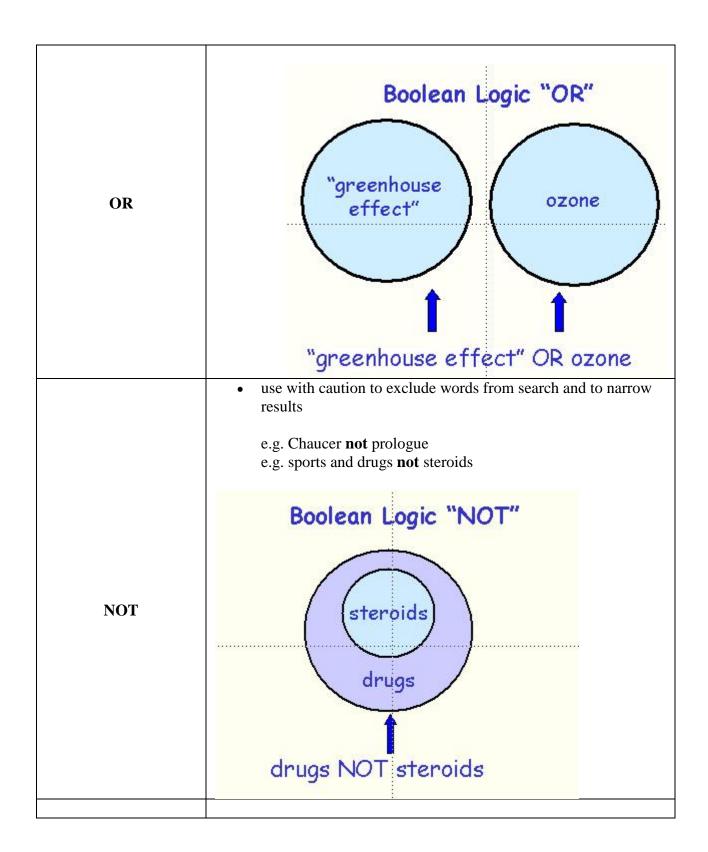
## **USE BOOLEAN OPERATORS**

What are Boolean operators? George Boole was an English mathematician. He invented a method of symbolically representing relationships between sets using the operators AND, OR, and NOT. Why are these operators important? When you type words into a libary index, you need to connect them according to the rules for that index. Many indexes require the use of Boolean operators to express your search words in a form that the computer can interpret.

OPERATOR	EXAMPLE
	use to connect words and phrases and to narrow search results     e.g. television and violence and children     e.g. globalization and "developing countries"
AND	television violence  television AND violence
OR	<ul> <li>use to search all words and to broaden search results</li> <li>e.g. "greenhouse effect" or ozone</li> <li>Use brackets for grouping terms that are connected with "or"</li> <li>e.g. ("acid rain" or pollution) and "wild life" and ontario</li> </ul>



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