Chinook: The Library Catalog & E-Resources Access
For BURST & UROP Students

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Chinook is CU Boulder’s on-line catalog and electronic resources access:
http://libraries.colorado.edu/

Off-Campus Access: Activate a VPN

- From CHINOOK homepage, select at the top Off-Campus Access VPN
  http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/research/offcampusaccess.htm
- Best to use the Network Connect rather than the Web VPN. This is done through Office of Information Technology (OIT) and if you need help you can call 303-735-HELP.

1. How to Find Articles?

From Chinook: The Library Catalog http://libraries.colorado.edu
click on Find Articles & More. From there, you can type in the database name, use the A-Z list, or select Find Database by Subject. Databases of interest:

If you don’t know which database to start with go to the General and Interdisciplinary databases:

- **Academic Search Premier**
  Multi-disciplinary database with over 8,000 journals indexed and over 4,000 full-text
- **PubMed**
  1967 to present, U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) free digital archive of biomedical and life sciences journal literature, expanded coverage of the life sciences than Medline.
- **Web of Science or Web of Knowledge**
  Science Citation Index, 1970 to present, top tier journals (highest impact) Interdisciplinary with over 9,000 titles.
- **JSTOR**
  Full-text articles on covering many subject areas, ecology, biology, etc.
- **Google Scholar**
  Broadly searches the scholarly literature

Important Subject Specific Databases:

- **Biological Abstracts**
  1969 - present. All aspects of biology.
- **Engineering Village Two**
  1884 to present. All aspects of engineering including Biotechnology.
- **PsychInfo**
  All aspects of psychology including medicine and psychiatry.

- **SciFinder Scholar**
  All aspects of the chemical literature searching the Chemical abstracts database and MEDLINE from 1907 to the present. Access requires filling out a form.

2. **How to get materials that are *not owned* by the CU Boulder Libraries?**

   Use **Interlibrary Loan**: from Chinook homepage under Interlibrary Loan.
   This service is free of charge. PDFs of articles are sent to your email address.
   You can also request books that we don’t own.
   [http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/ill/index.htm](http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/ill/index.htm)

   - **ILLiad**
     Traditional borrowing from other institutions, 2 week or less delivery of copies (paper or electronic) of articles, dissertations, books, etc., are sent at no cost.

   - **Propector**
     Borrowing from Front Range Libraries, usually 3-5 days.

   - **PASCAL** (CU’s off-site storage facility in Denver)
     Science journal articles, pre-1980 are available on a 24 hour turn around, scanned copies under 50 pages.

3. **What must be cited?**

   This is a web link to a page which gives general guidelines for when to cite.
   [http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/pwr/public_tutorial/cite/cite03.htm](http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/pwr/public_tutorial/cite/cite03.htm)

4. **How to create a bibliography electronically?**

   Use **RefWorks**: a tool to create personalized folders of citations from which you can create bibliographies & format papers in hundreds of different citation styles in seconds. Always check with your instructor first about which style guide they want you to use.
   [http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/how/refworks_refID.htm](http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/how/refworks_refID.htm)

5. **General Help**

   From **CHINOOK** homepage select at the top of the page How do I ...
   [http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/how/index.htm](http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/how/index.htm)

6. **Help with writing**

   The Writing Center
   [http://www.colorado.edu/pwr/writingcenter.html](http://www.colorado.edu/pwr/writingcenter.html)