Chinook: The Library Catalog & E-Resources Access

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Chinook Plus: http://encore.colorado.edu/iii/encore/home
Chinook Classic: http://libraries.colorado.edu/

Off-Campus Access: Activate the VPN

- From Library 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 the library home page, click on the ‘Articles’ tab:

Then click on Browse Databases by Subject to find the databases that best match your topic’s subject.

If you’re not sure what to choose, try one of these databases, which are good general starting points:

- **Academic Search Premier**
  Multi-disciplinary database with over 8,000 journals indexed and over 4,000 full-text
- **ProQuest**
  Comprehensive list of all databases on the ProQuest platform. Includes wide range of subjects.
- **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:

• **BIOSIS Citation Index**
  1926 - present. Life sciences and biomedical research covering pre-clinical and experimental research, methods and instrumentation, animal studies, and more.

• **Animal Behavior Abstracts**
  Subjects range from behavior ecology, genetics and neurophysiology

• **Engineering Village Two**
  1884 to present. All aspects of engineering including Biotechnology.

• **PsychInfo**
  All aspects of psychology including medicine and psychiatry.

• **GeoREF**
  Geoscience literature including geology, geography, pollution, water

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.

• **Prospector**
  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/how/citationstyle.htm](http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/how/citationstyle.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

6. **Help with writing**

   The Writing Center
   http://www.colorado.edu/pwr/writingcenter.html