

## How to find Articles using the CU Libraries Spaceship Earth FARR 2820

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### What do the CU Libraries own?

Find all journals and books through the CU Libraries catalog -- Chinook

<http://libraries.colorado.edu>

**Chinook** is CU Boulder's on-line catalog and **e-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 or Cisco VPN 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**.
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### 1. How do you know if an article is reputable or scholarly?

Points from Cornell University Libraries

<http://olinuris.library.cornell.edu/ref/research/skill20.html>

- Generally, journals have a sober, serious look and often contain many graphs and charts but few glossy pages or exciting pictures.
- Always cite their sources in the form of footnotes or bibliographies.
- Articles are written by a scholar or someone who has done research in the field.
- Language of scholarly journals is that of the discipline covered. It assumes some scholarly background on the part of the reader.
- Main purpose of scholarly journals is to report on original research or experimentation & to make information available to the rest of the scholarly world.

YouTube video on scholarly journals:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=imqu6BSyhz0&feature=related>

## 2. 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 with many full-text articles:

- [Academic Search Premier](#)  
Multi-disciplinary database with over 8,000 journals indexed and over 4,000 full-text
- [JSTOR](#)  
Full-text articles on covering many subject areas, ecology, biology, etc.
- [CQ Researcher](#)  
Great for pro and con
- [Google Scholar](#)  
Broadly searches the scholarly literature

Other **important databases** for science-related research:

- [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.
- [Biological Abstracts](#)  
1969 - present. All aspects of biology.
- [GeoRef](#)  
Environment, water, geosciences, biology

## 3. How to get books and articles that the University Libraries *does not own*?

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>

- **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.

#### 4. What must be cited?

This is a web link to a page which gives general guide lines for when to cite.

[http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/pwr/public\\_tutorial/cite/cite03.htm](http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/pwr/public_tutorial/cite/cite03.htm)

#### 5. 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)

RefWorks: Importing Search Results from PubMed:

[http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/BIOS/ref\\_pubmed.html](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/BIOS/ref_pubmed.html)

#### 6. General Help

From **CHINOOK** homepage select at the top of the page **How do I ...**

<http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/how/index.htm>

#### 7. Help with writing

The Writing Center

<http://www.colorado.edu/pwr/writingcenter.html>