How to find Articles using the CU Libraries
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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

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 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:
- **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.
- **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

3. **How to get books and articles that **CU Boulder 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](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)
How to add citations from PubMed to Refworks:
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