

Use Google Scholar to Search the Internet for Scholarly Materials Only

The search engine Google has a specialized version, Google Scholar, which only gives results considered to be scholarly. This tool can be of great help to start your research by pointing you towards scholarly sources for your research papers. It can be found at <http://scholar.google.com/>

However, most of the Google Scholar results will not be available in full-text for free on the internet. Most results will be a citation with an abstract of the article. To see the full-text, you will be asked to buy a subscription to the journal or website, or to purchase the individual article.

Fortunately, you will be able to find some, but not all, of the full-text articles in Cambridge College Online Library (CCOL). The CCOL provides hundreds of thousands of full-text scholarly articles and books, available to you for free as a registered Cambridge College student (or employee).

Use Google Scholar to identify articles you want to read, but if they aren't in full-text online, search the Cambridge College Online Library to see if the full-text is available there. If the full-text is not in the CCOL, you can use the WorldCat database to see which library near where you live has the article in print form.

Here is an example of a search that started with Google Scholar, then went to the CCOL to find the full-text of the article:

- I put the term "parent involvement" into the Google Scholar search box
- The third result looked good, because it was on my topic and it was in a scholarly journal, American Journal of Public Health. Here's how the Google Scholar result looked:

Parent involvement with children's health promotion: the Minnesota Home Team

CL Perry, RV Luepker, DM Murray, C Kurth, R Mullis ... - [Cited by 35](#)

... Public Health Association. JOURNAL ARTICLE. **Parent involvement** with children's health promotion: the Minnesota Home Team. CL Perry, RV ...

[Am J Public Health, 1988 - ajph.org - ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](#)

- I clicked on that result and got a complete citation with an abstract
- I wanted to read the whole article, but it was not available in full-text on the public internet
- I copied and pasted the citation into a Word document, so it would be handy
- I went to the Cambridge College Online Library and pasted the title (in quote marks) into the EBSCOHost Find It Fast search box
- I was very happy because the full-text of the article was available in the CCOL!
- If the full-text of the article had not been available, but the citation had appeared, I would have clicked "Check Local Libraries." The result would show that the print version of the *American Journal of Public Health* is in several libraries which are open to the public and near my home (results vary according to where you live!)
- If there had not been a citation for the article in EBSCOHost Find It Fast, I would have clicked Direct to Databases from the HOME page, then clicked WorldCat, put the name of the journal (not the article title or author!) into the Title search box, and received a list of local libraries that have the journal in print form
 - Note: If it is in a local library, make sure they have the issue you need. Be sure to call the library to find out if and when it is open to the public, and what identification you will need to use the library

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