Quick Tips for Searching
Google Scholar (http://scholar.google.com/)

WHY USE GOOGLE SCHOLAR?

Search Google Scholar to find scholarly articles, article abstracts and summaries of books across all academic subjects. Google Scholar search results usually exclude popular media content like magazine, newspaper and Internet articles. Some articles in search results may not be peer-reviewed, may not be full-text, and some articles may require payment before you can view the full-text. If you find results that do not include full-text or require payment to view, you may be able to obtain those materials through one of our Databases (http://www.rockinghamcc.edu/library/proxy.html) or through our Interlibrary Loan service (http://rockinghamcc.libguides.com/interlibraryloan). Think of Google Scholar as a great supplement to the James Library online catalog and our database collection.
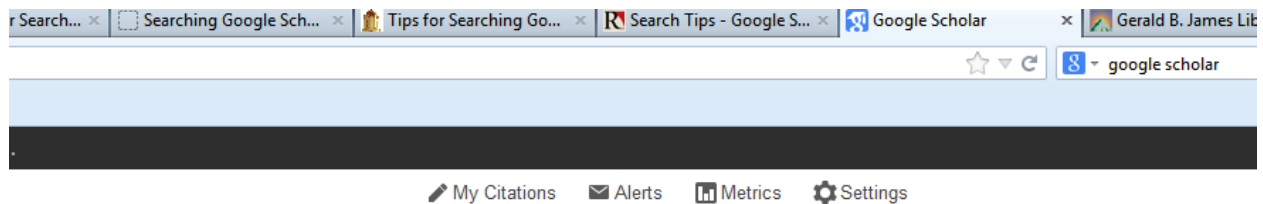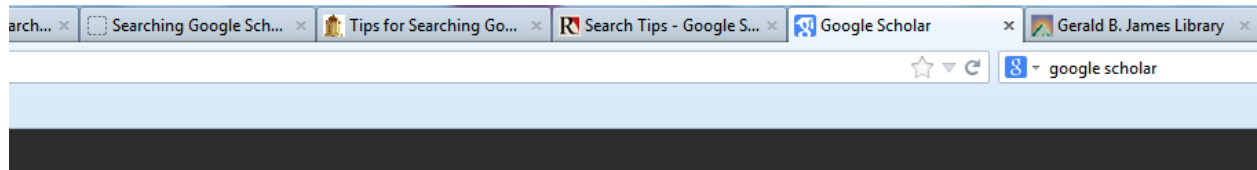
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Find articles   ✕

with **all** of the words | ‖ |

with the **exact phrase** | |

with **at least one** of the words | |

without the words | |

where my words occur | anywhere in the article ⇕ |

Return articles **authored** by | |
                                   e.g., "PJ Hayes" or McCarthy

Return articles **published** in | |
                                   e.g., J Biol Chem or Nature

Return articles **dated** between | | — | |
                                   e.g., 1996

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New! 2013 Scholar Metrics released

The advanced search option gives you more control over factors like publication date, author name(s), search terms and phrases, and words to exclude from search results.

Search Results Details and Options

The screenshot shows a Google Scholar search for `"black bear" habitat "north carolina"` with annotations:
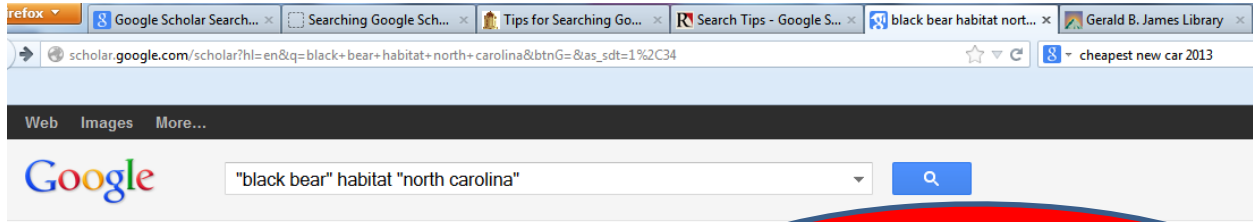
- A high "cited by" number usually indicates quality writing and research.
- Quick link to related articles …
- Sort ALL results by publication date (the default is sort by relevance).
- Limit results to pre-set time periods, or use the Custom Range option to specify a time

Visible search results include:

Effects of roads on **black bear** movements in western …
AJ Brody, MR Pelton - Wildlife Society Bulletin, 1989 - JSTOR
… Because wildlife-**habitat** relationships are con… evaluations are … In this paper we … Roads have been impli… … ly as factors affecting **black bear** behavior and …
Cited by 226 Related articles Cite

Foods and **habitat** of **black bears** in southeastern **North Carolina**
JL Landers, RJ Hamilton, AS Johnson… - The Journal of Wildlife …, 1979 - JSTOR
Foods and **habitat** use of **black bears** (Ursus americanus) in the Coastal Plain of southeastern **North Carolina** were determined from 732 fecal droppings and contents of 28 stomachs, and from radiomonitoring 10 bears. Major **habitat** components were (1) a …
Cited by 93 Related articles All 3 versions Cite

Regional assessment of remote forests and **black bear habitat** from forest resource surveys
VA Rudis, JB Tansey - The Journal of wildlife manage…, 1995 - JSTOR
…suitable and likely productive **habitat** area that maximize… …tion of **black bear** unoccupied … without potential **habitat** and **black bear** occupied range with … hab…itat, and that … …ed ?1 county in or adjacent to counties where **black bears** occurred …
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Inci… of road crossing by **black bears** on Pisgah National Forest, **North Caro**…
JJ Be… Seibert, MR Pelton - Bears: their biology and management, 1990 - JSTOR

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More Search Tips

Remove "noise" words and type in the most important search terms:

Instead of typing in "*Are female engineers compensated as well as male engineers*", try "*female engineers pay*". If results are limited, try similar nouns (*compensation* …) to increase results.

<u>Re-arrange search terms for different results</u>

In Google, word order affects search results. Changing "*North Carolina 2005 drunk driving deaths*" to "*drunk driving deaths 2005 North Carolina*" will alter the number of results and order of results.

<u>Eliminate useless or unwanted results with a minus sign</u>

A search for "*Asian immigrants educational attainment*" turned up many results that included marriage data. Changing the search to "*asian immigrant educational attainment –marriage*" eliminates the unwanted material from search results.

<u>Limit results by filetype</u>

Included a filetype limit in your search statement to limit results to one type of media file; try "*filetype:pdf*", "*filetype:ppt*", etc.

<u>Use AND to search within search results</u>

If your initial search statement turns up too many results or seems imprecise, enclose the original search statement in brackets, then add AND along with an additional search term or phrase in quotes; "*drunk driving united states teenagers"* is revised to *("drunk driving" "united states" teenagers) AND "annual fatalities"*