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## **Gear Up for Research--Things to Do**

# Set Up Your library PIN & ILLIAD accounts (they are different than your EID)

Set up a library PIN. You will need a PIN to access online journals or databases from off-campus. Go to: <a href="http://catalog.library.colostate.edu/">http://catalog.library.colostate.edu/</a> then my record.
Have a PIN but can't remember it? Use the: forgot pin? Link to have a new PIN emailed

Set up your Interlibrary Loan account. ILL articles requested are available on WebView Interlibrary loan: <a href="https://illiad.library.colostate.edu/illiad/logon.html">https://illiad.library.colostate.edu/illiad/logon.html</a>

## **Install the CSU Libraries Toolbar**

If you want to make it easier to get to library research links, install the library research toolbar on your computer. Find out how: <a href="http://lib.colostate.edu/help/toolbar.html">http://lib.colostate.edu/help/toolbar.html</a>

# CSU Libraries Toolbar



#### Finding Quality Journal and Scientific Articles and Papers:

Use the library databases <a href="http://lib.colostate.edu/databases/">http://lib.colostate.edu/databases/</a>

In order to use the library databases from off campus, you MUST have your library PIN set up. Once you have set up your PIN, when you log into the databases here is an example of the log-in screen. <a href="http://lib.colostate.edu/distance/proxy">http://lib.colostate.edu/distance/proxy</a> login.html

**Database Titles**, these are great for natural resources and water resources:

<u>Important databases</u> (select any of these from the title part of the databases page):

- Web of Science (all sciences including natural resources)
- Agricola (agriculture)
- CAB Abstracts (great for forestry, range, and other NR areas)
- GeoRef (great for geology and geosciences)
- Meteorological & Geoastrophysical Abstracts
- Water Resources Abstracts
- Water Resources Worldwide
- Wildlife and Ecology Studies Worldwide

#### Finding Books, Government Documents, or CSU Theses or Dissertations:

Search SAGE (the CSU library catalog) using the title, author, or keywords for your topic.

Keyword search example: range\* AND thesis AND Colorado state

(this will give you a list of CSU theses with a topic or subject of range or rangeland) SAGE includes books in paper/print, links to online resources like soil surveys in .pdf

# **Finding Books in Other Libraries**

Prospector-Colorado Unified Catalog, includes CSU, CU, Denver Public, others Good to use if a book is checked out of CSU, another university may own it.

WorldCat- Library catalog of US research libraries, selected Canadian and European Good place to look for books by subject or topic

Also can be helpful for government documents, theses, and proceedings

## **Finding Digital Dissertations**

Database of digital dissertations, most since 1997 available digital (pdf). Cost is paid by the library. Earlier dissertations can be ordered via ILL.

# Finding Conference Proceedings, Papers, or Technical Reports

Some databases do a better job at covering conference proceedings or papers Good databases include ASFA, CAB abstracts, Wildlife Worldwide Web of Science includes scientific journals it is not as good for conference proceedings

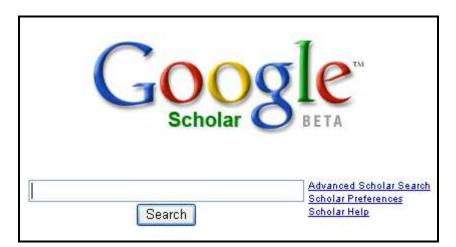
#### **Alerts for Articles and Table of Contents**

New page about how to set up alerts in databases and for journal TOC http://lib.colostate.edu/research/alerts/index.html

# Configuring Google Scholar to Display the FindIt@CSU Link

Google Scholar can be configured to display the FindIt @CSU link. .

- 1. Go to Google Scholar. http://scholar.google.com
- 2. Click on "Scholar Preferences."



3. Type "Colorado State University" into the "Library Links" box. Click on "Find Library."

Select "Colorado State University (FindIt@CSU)"

Library Links (what's this?)	colorado state university	Find Library
	e.g., Haniard	
	Show library access links for (choose up to three libraries):	
	Open WorldCat (Library Search)	
	Auraria Library (Auraria Library Resources)	
	☑ Colorado State University (Findlt@CSU)	
	Colorado State University-Pueblo (Find It at CSU-Pueblo)	

4. Select "Save Preferences."