

Finding *and never paying for* Peer-Reviewed Research Articles at Evergreen

How to find peer-reviewed research articles (don't ever pay for them!)

1. Use search terms in the various databases available through the Evergreen Library (www.evergreen.edu/library) website. This is the best way to find articles because generally full-text versions are directly available to you and most of what you find will be peer-reviewed!

2. Another place to search for articles is on Google Scholar (not Google). Google Scholar is a good place to start, but it is not exhaustive! (See picture of the info iceberg- from Evergreen Library). Sometimes a link to the pdf or html full text document will be to the right in Google Scholar. Click the link to get free access to the paper.

3. If no pdf or html full text is available using #1 or #2, try copying and pasting the title you are interested in to your favorite search engine. Sometimes this locates a pdf through ResearchGate, another institution, or the author's home page.

4. If you can't find the article that way, go through the library and search for the Journal Name in the Main Catalog. Use the links to find the volume number and page number for the article you are looking for. We have electronic access to many articles, but sometimes not for papers published in the last year. For those articles, sometimes the library has a physical copy of the journal in the stacks. Sometimes for articles older than 2000, the library actually has physical copies of the articles in compilations, or images of the articles on microfiche or microfilm.

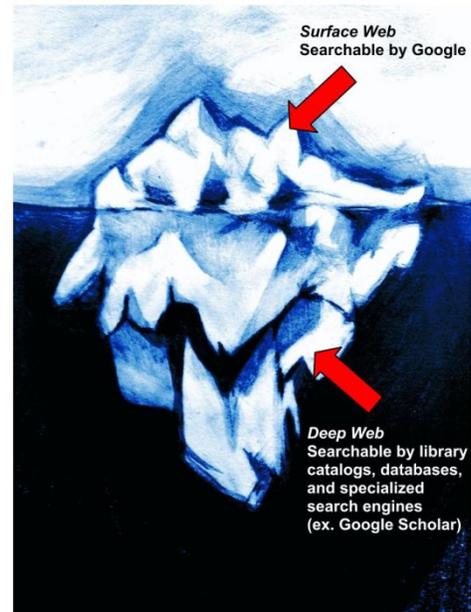
5. If the Evergreen Library does not have access to the article, try this fun option: email the "corresponding author" on the paper itself! Write a polite message to the author explaining that you go to a small public liberal arts college and your library does not have access to the article. Some text to copy into an email is below:

Dear Dr. XXX (fill in with last name):

I am a student at The Evergreen State College, a small, public, liberal arts college in western Washington. I am very interested in reading your article, "Insert title here," and I was hoping you might be able to send me a reprint. I thank you for your time.

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6. Finally, if you don't hear back from the author in a day or two, and there is not a physical copy of the article in the library or a full-text online version available, get the article through Evergreen's Interlibrary Loan (they won't send you a pdf if the library has access to the journal, so be sure you have checked first!). You can ask for a copy by logging in and choosing the "request options and place requests" link.



Helpful Links:

How to get started on your research:

<https://www.evergreen.edu/offices-services/library/research-assistance>

Research databases:

<http://libguides.evergreen.edu/az.php>

Make an appointment to work with a reference librarian:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/EvergreenLibraryResearchAssistance@evergreen0.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

Google Scholar:

<https://scholar.google.com/>

ResearchGate:

<https://www.researchgate.net/>

How to read a research article:

<https://resources.nu.edu/researchprocess/readingscientificarticle>

<https://www.science.org/content/article/how-seriously-read-scientific-paper>